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of

ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF CANADA

IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

—1961—

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TORONTO, ONTARIO

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH . . .

CHARLES WILLIAM EMMETT

Most Excellent Grand First Principal

Born—

Toronto, Ontario, August 14, 1910.

Parents—

Lister and Louisa.

Married—

Wife's name, Joan.

Religion—

Member of the United Church of Canada.

Business—

For the past 13 years he has been President and General Manager of his own company, Cweco Industries Limited, manufacturers and distributors of acoustical products.

Masonic Record—

He was initiated, passed and raised in Occident Lodge No. 346, Toronto, 1941. Was the Worshipful Master in 1951 and appointed to the office of Grand Junior Deacon in 1960.
He was exalted in Occident Chapter No. 77, Toronto, 1942. Was their First Principal in 1947. Was elected to the office of Grand Superindent in 1948. He was elected to the Grand Executive for the years 1954-55-56. Elected Grand Third Principal 1957-58, Grand Second Principal 1959-60 and elected Grand First Principal April, 1961. He is the Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of the Philippines near the Grand Chapter of Canada.

He is a member of Cyrene Preceptory No. 29, a member of Royal and Select Masters Cryptic Rite, Hon. Past President of the Order of High Priesthood of Ontario, a member of Holy Land Conclave No. 3, The Masonic and Military Orders of Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine, K.H.S. and St. John the Evangelist Grand Imperial Conclave of Canada, a member of Rameses Temple A.A.O.N.M.S. of Toronto, Canada, and a past President of the Principals' Association R.A.M. Toronto districts.

Clubs—

A member of the Boulevard Club, Toronto, The Kingsway Shrine Club, Toronto, and the Laurentian Club, Ottawa, Canada.

CHARLES WILLIAM EMMETT

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Most Excellent Grand Z.

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GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

PROCEEDINGS

An Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario was held in the Masonic Temple of Espanola, Ontario, on Monday, the tenth day of October, A.D. 1960, A.Inv. 2490.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith ..... Grand Z. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. J. F. Boucher ..... as Grand H. } Grand Council
M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle ..... as Grand J. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. A. J. Higgins ..... Grand Superintendent
R. Ex. Comp. George Shute ..... as Grand Treasurer
R. Ex. Comp. Fred J. Johnson ..... as Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. G. Harold Shannon ..... as Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. William Holywell ..... as Grand Principal Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Percy Coats ..... as Grand Senior Soj.
V. Ex. Comp. J. Bach ..... as Grand Junior Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Reg. J. Lewis ..... as Grand D. of C.
R. Ex. Comp. Percy S. Janneson ..... as Grand Organist
and the following assisting:
V. Ex. Comp. W. J. Hazelwood, V. Ex. Comp. George Grieve, Ex. Comp. Ernie Smith, Ex. Comp. U. Dalphond, Ex. Comp. W. F. Lett, Ex. Comp. Len Boelman, Ex. Comp. H. Marshall, Ex. Comp. Joseph Graham, Ex. Comp. Leland Lowrie, Ex. Comp. V. B. Bizley, Ex. Comp. R. Marshall.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 8.15 p.m. when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of dedicating the Chapter Room for Espanola Chapter No. 257, Royal Arch Masons of Espanola, Ontario.

The ceremony being concluded the Most Excellent Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 10.15 p.m.

MAURICE A. SEARLE,
Grand Scribe E.

SEAL

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

PROCEEDINGS

An Especial Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario was held in the Masonic Temple of Ingersoll, Ontario, on Monday the twenty-eighth day of November, A.D. 1960, A.Inv. 2490.

PRESENT

M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith ..... Grand Z. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Emmett ..... Grand H. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay ..... Grand J. } Grand Council
R. Ex. Comp. C. Burton ..... Grand Superintendent
R. Ex. Comp. A. W. Ayre ..... Grand Treasurer
M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle ..... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. W. L. Davies ..... Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. John A. Kennedy ..... as Grand Principal Soj.
V. Ex. Comp. W. H. Sargent ..... as Grand Senior Soj.
V. Ex. Comp. J. Bach ..... as Grand Junior Soj.
R. Ex. Comp. Charles Fotheringham ..... as Grand Organist
R. Ex. Comp. Reginald J. Lewis ..... as Grand D. of C.

and the following assisting:

R. Ex. Comp. Leo Gent, R. Ex. Comp. J. Gough, R. Ex. Comp. W. W. Tough, R. Ex. Comp. A. Cavanagh, R. Ex. Comp. L. Mansfield, R. Ex. Comp. A. E. Webber, R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Cocks, R. Ex. Comp. Ivan McConnell, R. Ex. Comp. F. M. Reid, R. Ex. Comp. A. S. Martin, R. Ex. Comp. E. A. Thurlow, R. Ex. Comp. W. G. Laing, V. Ex. Comp. J. Bell.

Grand Chapter was opened in Ample Form at 8.15 p.m. when the Grand First Principal announced that the Especial Convocation had been called for the purpose of dedicating the Chapter Room for Harris Chapter No. 41 Royal Arch Masons of Ingersoll, Ontario.

The ceremony being concluded the Most Excellent Grand First Principal closed Grand Chapter at 10 p.m.

MAURICE A. SEARLE,
SEAL Grand Scribe E.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

PROCEEDINGS

The One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario held in the Royal York Hotel, Toronto, Ontario, on April 18th and 19th, 1961.

M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith ..... Grand Z.
R. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Emmett ..... Grand H.
R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay ..... Grand J.
} Grand Council

PAST GRAND Z's

M. Ex. Comps. John M. Burden, Fred W. Dean, Clarence McL. Pitts, Alexander G. N. Bradshaw, John L. House, Maurice A. Searle, Melvilie S. Gooderham.

R. Ex. Comp. David Kerr ..... Grand Chaplain
M. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Dean ..... Grand Treasurer
M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle ..... Grand Scribe E.
R. Ex. Comp. William L. Davies ..... Grand Scribe N.
R. Ex. Comp. John W. Dickens ..... Grand Principal Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. C. McMullen ..... Grand Senior Sojourner
V. Ex. Comp. J. Bach ..... Grand Junior Sojourner
R. Ex. Comp. Arthur W. Ayre ..... Grand Registrar
V. Ex. Comp. J. Burns ..... Grand D. of C.
V. Ex. Comp. J. E. Jenkins ..... Grand Pursuivant
V. Ex. Comp. W. J. Stewart ..... Grand Outer Guard

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

R. Ex. Comp. E. Ivan McConnell ..... St. Clair District No. 1
R. Ex. Comp. Leo J. Gent ..... London District No. 2
R. Ex. Comp. Chesley R. Burton ..... Wilson District No. 3
R. Ex. Comp. Lawrence E. Morphy ..... Wellington District No. 4
R. Ex. Comp. Ralph J. Cocks ..... Hamilton District No. 5
R. Ex. Comp. William Russell Carmen Bradford ..... Huron District No. 6
R. Ex. Comp. Frank R. Martin ..... Niagara District No. 7
R. Ex. Comp. William N. Holywell ..... Toronto East District No. 8
R. Ex. Comp. Arthur E. Sharpe ..... Toronto West District No. 8A
R. Ex. Comp. John G. Cruickshank ..... Georgian District No. 9
R. Ex. Comp. William Baker ..... Ontario District No. 10
R. Ex. Comp. Delmer Huff ..... Prince Edward District No. 11
R. Ex. Comp. James A. Greer ..... St. Lawrence District No. 12
R. Ex. Comp. Edgar A. H. Shane ..... Ottawa District No. 13
R. Ex. Comp. Samuel R. LeRoy Newman ..... Algoma District No. 14
R. Ex. Comp. Alan J. Higgins ..... New Ontario District No. 15
R. Ex. Comp. James Ralph ..... Temiskaming District No. 16

GRAND CHAPTER OPENED

A constitutional number of Chapters being represented by their qualified officers, the One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario was opened in Ample Form at 10 o'clock a.m.

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

The following distinguished guests were introduced by the Grand Director of Ceremonies V. Ex. Comp. J. Burns and assistants:

MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF CONNECTICUT
- M. Ex. Comp. David S. Roger, Grand High Priest.
- R. Ex. Comp. Erickson, Grand Scribe.

GRAND CHAPTER OF MAINE ROYAL ARCH MASONS
- M. Ex. Comp. Charles R. Leavitt, Grand High Priest.

GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF MASSACHUSETTS
- M. Ex. Comp. Stanley F. Maxwell, Grand High Priest.
- M. Ex. Comp. William F. Clark, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MICHIGAN
- M. Ex. Comp. Lawrence W. Larsen, Grand High Priest.
- M. Ex. Comp. Orlow J. Myers, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.
- M. Ex. Comp. Arthur M. Burke, P.G.H.P. our Grand Representative.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK ROYAL ARCH MASONS
- M. Ex. Comp. George A. Lambert, P.G.H.P. and Grand Secretary.
- M. Ex. Comp. Wright J. Burley, P.G.H.P.
- M. Ex. Comp. W. Matsunaye, Jr., Grand High Priest.
- R. Ex. Comp. Clifford A. McDonald, Our Grand Representative.

THE GRAND HOLY ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF PENNSYLVANIA
- M. Ex. Comp. Maurice T. White, Grand High Priest.
- M. Ex. Comp. Arthur L. Miller, P.G.H.P. our Grand Representative.
- M. Ex. Comp. John C. F. Kitselman, Grand Secretary.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
- M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth S. Wilder, Grand High Priest.

GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS IN VIRGINIA
- M. Ex. Comp. E. H. Everton, Grand High Priest.

GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MANITOBA
- M. Ex. Comp. Arthur L. Lamont, Grand First Principal.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF QUEBEC
- M. Ex. Comp. H. Wall Clarke, Grand First Principal.
- M. Ex. Comp. Arthur Osgood, P. Grand First Principal, our Grand Representative.
- M. Ex. Comp. H. Pickering, Grand Scribe E.

GRAND COUNCIL OF ROYAL AND SELECT MASTERS OF ONTARIO
- V. Ex. Comp. Norman F. H. Bright, M. Ill. Grand Master.

GRAND COUNCIL OF THE ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTHOOD OF ONTARIO
- V. Ex. Comp. George McCombe, M. Ex. Grand President.

THE SOVEREIGN GREAT PRIORY OF CANADA KNIGHT TEMPLAR
- R. Ex. Comp. Joseph W. Carson, Grand Master.

THE MASONIC AND MILITARY ORDER OF KNIGHTS OF THE RED CROSS OF CONSTANTINE
- V. Ex. Comp. A. H. MacQuarrie, M. Ill. Grand Sovereign.

GRAND LODGE A.F. AND A.M. OF CANADA IN THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO
- M.W. Bro. and M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts, Grand Master.
- R.W. Bro and Comp. Ewart G. Dixon, Grand Secretary.

MEMORIAL SERVICE

By the Grand Chaplain R. Ex. Comp. Rev. David Kerr

Organist: Ex. Comp. Roy Pannabecker .

The delegates joined in singing "God Save the Queen," "My Country Tis of Thee," and "O God, Our Help in Ages Past."

INVOCATION

Lord God Eternal, holy, almighty, merciful, maker of all things by Thy power, ruler of all things by Thy wisdom, grant unto these Thy servants that guidance which will direct this assembly in all its deliberations to thine honour and glory. Amen.

"Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it." Ecclesiastes 12: 7.

There is no sublimer fact in the spiritual history of man than his steady, unwavering belief in his own immortality. Encompassed on every side by darkness, he yet proclaims in every age his unalterable conviction that there is light beyond. Tossed by storm and often lost in blinding mists, he still believes that he is steering straight for that haven which eye hath never seen. Faced by the spectre of death, he still perseveres in the certainty that life is all and that death is naught; and when the soul seems to perish he holds that it passes with the wings of a dove to life, and spring and heavens bloom to the bosom of his God.

Faith, Hope and Charity can be the daily experience of each one of us. We can die to doubt and disbelief, and rise to new faith and trust in God. We can die in despair and to the tyranny of evil, and rise with new hope, vision and courage. We can die to hatred, malice and all uncharitableness, and experience the new life. "Thanks be to God which giveth us the victory."

It is not the length of life that matters, but how it is lived. It is not "How Long" but "How Well."

My Companions, as we meet today it is unnecessary for me to remind you that there are those who journeyed with us that are with us no more. In our Chapter meetings their voices are stilled, we miss their advice and counsel, their cherry welcome and friendly handshake. We are richer because they walked and worked with us, we are poorer because of their going.

To every Chapter, their loved ones and their families, and to those left to mourn their loss, we extend our sympathy and pray that the Most High may enlighten their path until the day breaks and the shadows flee away.

"Tis sweet, as year by year we lose friends out of sight, in faith to muse, how grows in Paradise our store."

CHARACTER SURVIVES: GOODNESS LIVES: LOVE IS IMMORTAL.

PRAYER

Almighty, Eternal and Everlasting God in whom the spirits of just men are made perfect, grant we beseech Thee thy blessing on this present Convocation. Look upon us with Thy constant mercy and give to us the spirit of understanding. When our eyes no longer behold what we have loved and when we listen for the footsteps of those who are gone out of our sight and hear them not, what can we do but turn to Thee. Lift us up, therefore, Strong Son of God, that we may see further, cleanse our eyes, that we may see more clearly; draw us closer to Thyself that we may know ourselves; closer to our loved ones who are with Thee. Amen.

Closing hymn, "Abide With Me."

PRESENTATION OF PAST GRAND Z's

The Grand Z. Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith requested the Grand D. of C. V. Ex. Comp. J. Burns to present the Past Grand Z's. The following were present:

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, 1943-44.
M. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Dean, 1947-48.
M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacL. Pitts, 1949-50.
M. Ex. Comp. Alexander G. N. Bradshaw, 1951-52.
M. Ex. Comp. John L. House, 1955-56.
M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle, 1957-58.
M. Ex. Comp. Melville S. Gooderham, 1957 Honourary.

The Grand First Principal, Bruce H. Smith, extended a warm and hearty welcome to the Past Grand Z's. Grand Honours were given and M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean responded to the welcome on behalf of the Grand Z's.

TORONTO DISTRICTS 8 AND 8A ADDRESS OF WELCOME

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Bruce Harrison, Smith, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario; the Most Worshipful Clarence McLeod Pitts, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario; distinguished guests from our sister Capitular Jurisdictions in Canada and the United States, and representatives from all Masonic bodies—the Companions of Toronto Districts No. 8 and No. 8A consider it a privilege to extend to you our sincere fraternal greetings on this the One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

We feel signally honoured to have the privilege of welcoming our Grand Chapter on its annual Convocation to Toronto—the Queen City of Canada, and it is our earnest hope that your deliberations will be harhonious and beneficial, even beyond your expectations.

Most Excellent Sir:

Your term as our Grand First Principal is rapidly drawing to a close. The Principals, Past Principals and Companions of the twenty-eight Chapters comprising the two Toronto Districts, wish to express their heartfelt appreciation for the remarkable contribution you have made to Royal Arch Masonry.

The Companions are ever conscious of the weight of the vast responsibilities that are borne by the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal in order that he may enhance and execute the great trusteeship that has been placed upon him.

You, Most Excellent Sir, have spared neither time nor effort in endeavouring to promote the highest interests of Capitular Masonry, you have been ever mindful of the responsibilities of your high office and in so doing you have graced this office with dignity and decorums in a manner which has certainly merited the confidence of all with whom you have come in contact. Your humility and the gracious and kindly attitude you have shown toward all Companions has set a splendid example for others to follow and in no small measure has enhanced the reputation of this Grand Jurisdiction.

It has indeed been a privilege and an honour to have served under your leadership and it is our earnest prayer that you will be long spared to continue your service to Capitular Masonry.

In presenting you with this address of welcome we wish to express to you in some tangible way the deep appreciation of our pleasant as-

sociations, therefore, we would ask you to accept this small memento on behalf of the Royal Arch Chapters of the Toronto Districts.

Presented on behalf of the Royal Arch Chapters of Toronto Districts No. 8 and No. 8A this seventeenth day of April Anno Inventionis 2491, Anno Domini 1961.

DISTRICT No. 8

1960	1961
St. Andrew & St. John No. 4	
G. A. Rider	Dr. O. B. Dickinson
King Solomon's No. 8	
Roy Willmot	Wm. Dobinson
York No. 62	
H. J. C. Sinclair	J. M. Hood
St. Paul's No. 65	
Dr. W. P. Gruer	J. F. Boehm
Orient No. 79	
A. E. O'Halloran	W. L. Hyatt
Succoth No. 135	
T. C. Croxall	J. A. Best
The St. Patrick No. 145	
L. C. Scudder	R. A. Gibson
The Beaches No. 163	
D. C. Armstrong	E. R. Ansell
Victoria No. 205	
H. Hinchley	W. Hinchley
St. Alban's No. 217	
Wm. Wylie	A. H. Baldwin
Beaver No. 225	
J. T. Wallace	J. E. McFadden
Aurora No. 235	
C. Allan	F. G. Hare
University No. 241	
J. E. Young	A. W. Fox
Tyrian No. 258	
J. J. Mahaffey	N. Wagg

William N. Holywell,
Grand Superintendent
Toronto District No. 8
G. A. McConnell, Secretary

DISTRICT No. 8A

1960	1961
Occident No. 77	
Percy Helm	Clifford Aikins
Toronto-Antiquity No. 91	
G. G. Wood	L. W. Dixon
Shekinah No. 138	
Percy James	H. W. Clark
Peel No. 195	
Jack Lamb	J. Archdekin
Mount Sinai No. 212	
Louis Ritter	F. Sheldon
Mimico No. 215	
S. Kennedy	B. J. Rodd
Ulster No. 219	
A. H. S. Adams	P. K. Taylor
Lebanon No. 220	
S. J. Smith	H. A. Harris
Port Credit No. 230	
J. I. Parks	J. Wilton
The St. Clair No. 231	
J. M. Yates	A. Settle
King Cyrus No. 232	
J. S. Cobb	F. W. Thom
Oakwood No. 233	
Bert Taylor	E. Burell
Humber No. 246	
H. B. Banks	L. Harron
Centennial No. 260	
A. R. McDougall	H. B. Banks

Arthur E. Sarpe,
Grand Superintendent
Toronto District No. 8A
Gordon Horner, Secretary

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES

The Grand Scribe E. commenced reading the minutes of the Proceedings of the One Hundredth and Second Annual Convocation held in the city of Toronto, when it was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay.

Resolved—"That as the Proceedings of the last Annual Convocation, held Tuesday and Wednesday, April 12, 13, 1960, have been printed and copies thereof sent to all the Chapters in this Jurisdiction, the recorded Minutes be considered as read, and the same is now confirmed."

ORDER OF BUSINESS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, and second by R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, and—

Resolved—"That the Order of Business of this Grand Convocation be changed at the discretion of the Grand Z."

COMMITTEE ON CREDENTIALS

V. Ex. Comp. Joseph Benson, Vice-chariman of the Credentials Committee, reported that there are 158 Warranted Chapters on the roll of Grand Chapter of which 147 Chapters were represented by the following:

Chapter
No. 1—R. H. Seymour, Z.; R. G. Willis, H.; L. N. Armstrong, P.Z.
No. 2—H. C. Rose, Z.; E. M. Marshall, R. J. Cocks, D. G. Horne, P.Z's.
No. 3—G. Phipps, Z.; R. W. Coon, G. S. Gale, W. H. Parker, P.Z's.
No. 4—O. B. Dickinson, Z.; K. L. Bellamy, H.; R. N. McEhinney, V. L. Mutton, G. Garnett, H. B. Pickerell, H. E. Hodgins, C. F. Tye, P.Z's.
No. 5—A. W. Ayre, Proxy; J. W. Kennedy, S. Pederson, P.Z's.
No. 6—S. J. H. Quiney, Z.; J. E. Richardson, F. Scott, C. S. King, H. W. Hewett, P.Z's.
No. 7—C. S. Lowther, Z.; R. E. Houston, E. C. Wood, H. E. Payne, H. T. Adams, F. K. Hodgen, J. L. Diamond, P.Z's.
No. 8—W. G. Dobinson, Z.; S. Burnscongh, H.; L. Roberts, J.; F. S. Hutchinson, A. L. Tinker, F. J. Johnson, W. H. King, E. M. Woolcock, A. Otis, W. Holywell, M. N. Carr, G. A. McConnell, S. Sleeman, J. Keillor, R. Willmot, P.Z's.
No. 15—A. B. Steel, H.; L. C. Ewener, Proxy; R. G. Wyseman, H. R. Marriott, P.Z's.
No. 16—W. Tennant, Z.; C. Compton, H.; C. Vickers, N. Bright, L. B. Gillespie, S. Taylor, E. Shane, P.Z's.
No. 18—R. B. Town, Z.; J. Mackbach, J.; A. Wishart, A. E. Thurton, J. Hibner, P.Z's.
No. 19—L. T. McMann, Z.; H. Ballantyne, H.; D. McLean, J.; J. Hudson, F. Lottridge, W. Coolin, P.Z's.
No. 20—A. W. Cox, Z.; C. R. Simpson, R. W. E. McFadden, A. MacGregor, P. Worthington, A. T. H. Baker, R. M. Nelles, P.Z's.
No. 22—K. M. Laushway, Z.
No. 23—F. L. Grigg, Z.; K. C. Bannister, E. Hind, W. Johnston, P.Z's.
No. 24—F. S. Wolfe, Z.; J. C. Smith, H.; G. Kiloh, J.; G. S. Atkins, W. Fern, W. H. Reed, R. H. Davies, J. Barr, P.Z's.
No 26—K. Hutchinson, Z.; H. Burke, N. M. Sprague, C. H. Kinnear, P.Z's.
No. 27—E. J. Taylor, Z.; J. A. Kilsby, H.; B. M. Conron, F. C. Melton, P.Z's.
No. 28—W. F. Boorman, Z.; F. L. Smale, H.; R. H. McKelvie, J.; N. W. Purdy, A. G. Coppin, W. L. Houston, G. H. Taylor, P.Z's.
No. 29—E. C. McCullagh, Proxy; F. Martin, R. S. Ash, J. E. Yocum, O. M. Krick, C. J. Lundy, W. A. Farr, P.Z's.
No. 30—R. S. Henderson, Z.; J. E. Westbrook, J.; R. Bradford, H. Hill, C. E. Laithwaite, P.Z's.
No. 31—L. Hagerman, Z.; H. Alder, D. Huff, P.Z's.
No. 32—J. E. Goalley, Z.; F. C. Ackert, T. Forrester, A. G. Malcolm, D. J. Marriott, Proxy, P.Z's.
No. 34—R. A. Stewart, P.Z.
No. 35—S. E. Smith, Z.; W. P. Price, H.; F. J. Gale, P.Z.
No. 36—R. K. Burns, H.; J. H. Harris, J.; P. Mathews, J. E. Girven, B. H. Pammett, A. W. Watkins, F. M. Warren, E. J. Jones, W. E. Bannon, E. W. Edmondson, P.Z's.
No. 37—K. W. Stevenson, Z.; L. Bray, H.; C. P. McElroy, H. Inch, E. J. Barrowclough, E. J. McKeever, W. H. Meldrum, P.Z's.
No. 40—W. Smith, Z.; C. E. Morgan, J. A. Robertson, W. J. Van Norman, P.Z's.
No. 41—E. A. Webber, Proxy; H. R. Nagle, P.Z's.
No. 44—F. K. Hill, Z.; A. V. Roy, P.Z.
No. 45—A. Wolfrain, Proxy, P.Z.

No. 46—H. I. Sparling, H.; D. C. White, P.Z.
No. 48—A. W. Robertson, Z.; E. J. Wood, H.; W. Baker, F. L. Searranche, J. A. Cunningham, P.Z's.
No. 54—W. Cowie, Proxy, P.Z.
No. 55—J. H. Hutchinson, Z.; E. Staines, J.; C. A. Larson, W. E. Brown, P.Z's.
No. 56—G. S. Matthias, Z.; J. G. Cruickshank, P.Z.
No. 57—D. L. Winn, Proxy; D. H. McCracken, P.Z.
No. 59—F. W. Grant, Z.; J. A. Greer, P.Z.
No. 62—J. M. Hood, Z.; H. J. C. Sinclair, J. Shield, W. J. Grierson, A. H. Gray, G. Cooper, D. B. Young, W. Mitchell, C. M. Platten, P.Z's.
No. 63—G. Downey, Z.; H. J. Norman, G. Emerson, F. E. Schilroth, J. W. McFadyen, P.Z's.
No. 64—C. E. Griffin, Proxy; R. S. Doan, P.Z's.
No. 65—J. Boehm, Z.; W. A. Fry, J.; M. S. Gooderham, P.Z's.
No. 66—D. Cooper, Z.; J. W. Crick, J. Back, P.Z's.
No. 67—L. E. Morphy, Proxy; F. Johnson, P.Z's.
No. 68—G. J. Purcell, Proxy; K. Forbes, A. Guy, C. B. Beckett, P.Z's.
No. 69—A. Jarvis, Proxy; L. J. Colling, P.Z's.
No. 71—C. Watt, Z.; B. Smith, E. Moyes, J. D. Wilson, R. Sweetman. P.Z's.
No. 72—W. Warren, Proxy, P.Z.
No. 73—F. Yardley, Z.; P. L. Lalonde, A. W. Overfield, P.Z's.
No. 74—G. C. Searson, Z.
No. 75—C. Anderson, Z.; C. Smillie, H.; J. C. Cunningham, E. Harrop, P.Z's.
No. 76—C. H. Sheppard, Proxy; J. H. Hughes, C. L. Dill, F. Jones, P.Z's.
No. 77—C. Aikins, Z.; J. Dobson, H.; A. Lee, J.; J. M. Burden, C. W. Emmett, G. Elms, A. Green, W. Shearer, P. Helm, J. E. Jenkins, H. P. Hopkinson, A. R. Cripps, E. K. Hogaboom, S. Bustard, J. A. Prince, H. Smith, S. Solley, P.Z's.
No. 78—A. H. Walper, Z.; R. Ratz, P.Z.
No. 79—A. E. O'Halloran, Z.; A. J. Burton, H.; J. A. Hearn, L. L. Quevie, A. H. Jones, L. Bramwell, A. O. Cook, H. F. Myers, A. J. R. Moxon, P.Z's.
No. 80—G. E. Turner, Z.; W. E. Treganza, A. D. Bates, D. P. Marshall, P.Z's.
No. 81—F. Bowen, Z.; L. Mallack, H.; R. E. Moore, B. C. Damude, H. P. Grant, R. W. Stratton, P.Z's.
No. 82—H. G. Blanchard, Z.; W. H. Chectham, P.Z.
No. 83—C. W. Esson, Z.; W. E. Watson, H.; A. W. Gillespie, W. Gillespie, W. J. McCall, D. Van Norman, P.Z's.
No. 84—C. Thompson, Z.; W. S. Hall, E. Gauley, A. Corrigan, P.Z's.
No. 88—E. H. Logan, Proxy; H. M. Dunlop, H. Johnson, S. E. Stevenson, P.Z's.
No. 90—A. Barclay, E. M. Newman, P.Z's.
No. 91—W. Dixon, Z.; W. Hillis, H.; W. Doolittle, J.; A. F. Tannahiil, A. A. Kitchen, W. J. Stewart, H. J. Nelson, A. Geary, C. Howes, D. Calder, D. M. Coghill, J. Short, H. Plunkett, J. Bailey, P.Z's.
No. 94—G. McCombe, P.Z.
No. 95—A. F. Beach, Z.; G. Shute, P.Z.
No. 102—R. B. Bizley, Z.; P. S. Jammison, V. B. Bizley, H. W. Walker, P.Z's.
No. 103—A. J. Mellis, Z.
No. 104—E. J. Flippance, Z.; M. L. Jeffrey, H.; H. Secord, J.; S. Portch, G. K. Brown, C. T. Sherry, W. G. Russell, J. A. R. Shaw, P.Z's.

No. 110—C. Buchanan, Z.; H. S. Ewing, W. J. Newman, P.Z's.
No. 112—G. M. Gorrell, Z.
No. 113—N. G. M. Tuck, Z.; G. E. McCutcheon, P.Z.
No. 114—W. H. Mayhew, Proxy, P.Z.
No. 115—O. Fleming, H.; W. Byard, J.; R. W. McKenzie, W. W. Tough, C. R. Burton, R. C. Walker, Proxy, P.Z's.
No. 116—F. K. McEwen, Z.; J. C. Saunders, H.; M. P. Morris, P.Z.
No. 117—G. A. Braby, Z.; W. R. Cooper, G. H. Shannon, A. C. Mason, W. N. Hemphill, W. E. James, N. A. McEachren, P.Z's.
No. 119—F. Hilton, Z.; A. S. H. Cree, E. H. Brennan, H. G. Overholt, D. A. Robinson, R. A. Willett, B. M. White, J. A. McIntyre, G. Bloomfield, A. Cresswell, P.Z's.
No. 129—F. Lannin, H.; E. W. Brunk, S. Earl, R. F. Robinson, P.Z's.
No. 130—C. Armstrong, Z.; C. McGill, H.; L. A. Smith, F. Wrightson, P.Z's.
No. 131—R. Keene, Z.; K. Hopkinson, H.; P. Spears, A. R. Whitney, G. G. Sinclair, W. M. Lee, C. H. Whicher, O. Greig, L. McKenzie, P.Z's.
No. 132—F. H. Scrivener, Z.
No. 133—R. S. McLean, Z.; G. A. Phillips, Jr., J. J. Carpenter, W. McCollum, R. B. McCleary, G. P. Marshall, G. W. Morrison, P.Z's.
No. 134—C. E. McPhail, Z.; C. White, L. Parliament, E. Rixon, P.Z's.
No. 135—J. A. Best, Z.; S. M. Sweetman, H.; W. J. Morgan, J.; G. S. Feesby, H. V. Watson, C. G. Armstrong, T. C. Croxall, P.Z's.
No. 138—H. W. Clark, Z.; R. C. Pannabecker, H.; G. T. Ferguson, J.; G. G. Elliott, E. H. Hughes, R. F. Lomas, R. Ackerman, C. Wells, E. E. Dobson, J. Benson, H. O. Hughes, B. W. Spencer, P. James, P.Z's.
No. 140—A. E. Knox, Z.; J. E. Forester, D. Harias, P.Z's.
No. 144—H. J. Morgan, Z.; K. A. McQuoid, P.Z.
No. 145—R. A. Gibson, Z.; R. S. Woodward, H.; P. H. Rogers, E. E. Reid, W. C. Johnston, D. P. Collins, W. E. Pomeroy, M. A. Searle, J. R. Legacy, R. J. Lewis, L. B. Morrison, A. J. Martin, C. L. Ford, T. R. Tompkins, I. C. Skudder, P.Z's.
No. 145—H. McDermitt, Z.; D. Kidd, H.; W. H. Sargent, S. L. Bartza, F. Hay, J. A. Wilson, F. Day, O. Thompson, P.Z's.
No. 147—J. W. Joynt, Proxy; J. W. Stewart, J. Boyle, C. MacDonald, P.Z's.
No. 149—S. R. L. Newman, Proxy.
No. 150—W. E. Boyle, Z.; A. W. Burgess, H.; W. P. Dicks, J.; T. Welch, A. G. N. Bradshaw, J. W. Carson, J. N. Duffy, D. A. McDonald, M. A. Doupe, J. B. Carson, P.Z's.
No. 151—J. E. Brown, Z.
No. 152—S. R. L. Newman, Proxy; I. W. Smith, P.Z's.
No. 153—J. Burnett, Proxy; E. K. Rupert, T. MacNally, K. R. Colwell, P.Z's.
No. 155—S. Martin, P.Z.
No. 161—T. C. Lloyd, Proxy; E. T. Taylor, P.Z's.
No. 163—E. Ansell, Z.; A. T. Williams, H.; R. W. Barter, J.; E. W. Bath, W. L. Brown, D. Armstrong, F. W. Mills, W. E. Bath, P.Z's.
No. 164—M. S. Thompson, J.; L. C. Butler, P.Z.
No. 167—C. P. Eagles, Proxy, P.Z.
No. 168—J. A. McMullen, Z.; T. H. Burgess, W. H. Brady, P.Z's.
No. 175—J. E. Pearcey, Z.; F. W. Dean, E. Hudson, H. Ralph, D. S. Stephens, C. R. Smith, C. R. Smith, P.Z's.
No. 184—L. A. Mann, Z.; C. A. Howard, J.

No. 195—J. Archdeacon, Z.; W. B. Cannon, J.; H. Spratt, H. McClure, P.Z's.
No. 198—B. C. Lambie, Proxy; J. W. Davies, P.Z's.
No. 210—D. Casselman, Z.; H. J. Thomas, J.; W. M. Stanley, C. Laushway, W. C. Pescod, P.Z's.
No. 212—F. Sheldon, Z.; N. Austin, H.; I. M. Ingles, J.; A. Fox, S. Bederman, L. Ritter, S. J. Sword, A. L. Tinker, P.Z's.
No. 213—F. H. Bowman, Z.; J. Ralph, P.Z.
No. 214—C. T. Smith, Proxy; R. McLean, P.Z's.
No. 215—W. Angst, Proxy, P.Z.
No. 217—A. Baldwin, Z.; J. Chatel, H.; C. C. Kerr, J.; J. L. House, H. A. F. Schytte, J. Turnbull, W. J. Raeburn, W. Wyllie, W. J. Webber, C. R. Kincade, A. Murray, J. A. Burton, G. W. McRae, P.Z's.
No. 218—D. Wake, Z.; L. Mournahan, H.; H. Newell, J.; W. Newell, B. Robinson, L. Besley, W. Pacey, P.Z's.
No. 219—P. K. Taylor, Z.; D. Stuart, H. C. Kesteven, R. E. Story, R. A. Boddy, J. L. Hewson, C. H. Kesteven, D. S. MacLachlan, J. S. Bremmer, G. Anthony, G. R. Sheard, T. H. Barker, L. C. Pilson, A. D. Napier, H. L. Kesteven, A. H. S. Adams, P.Z's.
No. 220—H. Harris, Z.; W. M. Creech, J. A. Evans, W. H. Carr, W. F. Leuty, J. H. Dicken, W. A. McKague, A. E. Sharpe, G. H. Horne, J. B. Richardson, P.Z's.
No. 221—W. C. Hutchinson, Z.; J. E. Armstrong, H.; L. Armstrong, J. N. Edwards, P.Z's.
No. 222—W. H. Waters, Z.; C. M. Pitts, J. Sinclair, W. C. Pescock, P.Z's.
No. 223—J. C. Kincade, Proxy; A. F. Righton, G. Cameron, P.Z's.
No. 224—J. A. Atkinson, Proxy; J. S. Drysdale, P.Z's.
No. 225—J. E. McFadden, Z.; J. Brown, H.; J. R. Dempster, J.; J. C. Day, F. W. D. Welham, J. Broadfoot, E. Woodstock, J. T. Wallace, W. Pendleton, C. L. Carter, R. Wilson, A. Spalding, C. F. Carter, P.Z's.
No. 226—L. V. Wood, Proxy, P.Z.
No. 227—A. Pierson, Z.; L. A. Courtemanche, H.; E. L. Goodman, J.; R. Godden, B. H. Smith, M. R. Anderson, L. F. Walker, C. McMullen, J. R. Williams, P. E. Kerr, F. Chapman, P.Z's.
No. 230—J. H. Wilton, Z.; J. W. MacDonald, J.; D. J. McKee, G. Jackson, R. Young, A. R. Jamieson, P.Z's.
No. 231—A. Settle, Z.; W. J. Bain, H.; J. W. Woodland, W. K. Herd, W. G. Davey, E. C. Shunk, L. A. Stiver, D. M. Kerr, B. Settle, A. W. Johnson, J. M. Yates, P.Z's.
No. 232—F. W. Thom, Z.; W. H. Anderson, H.; W. F. Roberts, W. W. Lester, P.Z's.
No. 233—E. C. Burrell, Z.; D. Wilson, H.; C. H. Howard, J.; W. Gardner, J. Burns, G. Armstrong, S. Heaps, G. Burnett, E. W. Humphreys, C. McClocklin, W. Burton, R. Alford, B. Taylor, P.Z's.
No. 234—S. Penrice, Z.; B. Moody, H.; F. Wilson, J. Addy, I. G. Noble, L. Tracey, J. T. Armstrong, P.Z's.
No. 235—F. Hare, Z.; W. Jennings, H.; H. Foote, J.; F. D. Lacey, P.Z.
No. 236—E. Burke, Proxy; F. Brown, J. Aldridge, P.Z's.
No. 238—W. A. Thomson, Z.; L. Adilman, J.; A. V. Sedgwick, B. S. Scott, W. G. Chapman, E. W. Mitchell, L. E. Fortner, W. L. Davies, P.Z's.
No. 239—L. Fisher, Z.; Ivan McConnell, R. Nudds, P.Z's.
No. 240—J. N. Davis, Proxy; C. A. Merritt, F. M. Schnick, W. McKinnell, P.Z's.
No. 241—A. W. Fox, Z.; E. Pickle, P. W. Rogers, O. R. Roberts, J. E. Young, H. S. Biggs, P.Z's.

No. 242—S. M. Ellenor, Z.; I. Pack, P.Z.
No. 243—J. H. Lee, Proxy; G. E. Hyland, J.; I. A. Lee, E. Boden, P.Z's.
No. 246—L. Harron, Z.; D. Dandy, J.; A. F. Nisbet Sr., A. F. Nisbet Jr., J. R. Johnson, F. S. Fordham, H. J. Rees, M. S. Clark, J. M. Bremner, R. Cruise, H. E. Harrison, R. H. Taylor, P.Z's.
No. 247—H. Shrich, Z.; R. Neely, J.; L. J. Gent, G. Tucker, I. Parkinson, M. Lansdell, P.Z's.
No. 248—G. R. Clarke, Proxy, P.Z.
No. 249—H. G. Freeman, Proxy, P.Z.
No. 250—H. Particelli, Z.; J. W. Dickens, A. H. MacQuarrie, P.Z's.
No. 251—H. G. Fick, Z.; J. T. Blackburn, K. Griffin, P.Z's.
No. 252—A. J. Facer, Z.; J. H. Coleman, W. Degan, P.Z's.
No. 253—W. C. McNeilly, Z.; E. Hind, F. M. Given, P.Z's.
No. 255—M. A. L. Hicks, Z.; D. J. Hillier, .H; C. Scott, J.; C. H. Swatridge, W. T. Jeffery, P.Z's.
No. 257—A. J. Higgins, Proxy, P.Z.
No. 258—N. Wagg, Z.; J. C. Mehaffey, H.; F. E. Warne, J.; J. J. Mehaffey, F. C. Conley, P.Z's.
No. 259—D. Harcus, Proxy, P.Z.
No. 260—H. B. Banks, Z.; W. H. Hamilton, H.; A. McKague, J. L. Hewson, W. H. Carr, W. F. Leuty, P.Z's.
U.D. E. L. Jackson, P.Z.

The following 11 Chapters were not represented: Wellington, No. 47; Bruce, No. 53; Pembroke, No. 58; Granite, No. 61; Glengarry, No. 143; St. John's, No. 148; Temiskaming, No. 169; Cobalt, No. 203; Victoria, No. 205; Preston, No. 245; Golden Star, No. 254.

147 Chapters represented
11 Chapters not represented
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There were 697 Registered Delegates having a total vote of 910.
All of which is fraternally submitted.

JAMES W. WOODLAND, Chairman
JOSEPH BENSON, Vice-Chairman

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by V. Ex. Comp. J. Benson, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Credentials be received and adopted.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

The Most Excellent, the Grand Z. directed the Grand Scribe E. to call the roll of Representatives of Sister Jurisdictions when they assembled before the Altar. The following Grand Representatives answered their names:

Alabama—Robert N. McElhinney.
Argentine—Fraser Hay.
Arizona—Percy W. Rogers.
Arkansas—J. Howard Coleman.
California—Don Calder.
Colorado—C. B. Parker.
Connecticut—Noble Armstrong.
Delaware—William J. Grierson.
District of Columbia—Bruce H. Smith.
Florida—Melville S. Gooderham.

Idaho—J. Sinclair.
Illinois—James W. Woodland.
Indiana—Arthur L. Tinker.
Iowa—Carroll E. Griffin.
Ireland—Robert W. E. McFadden.
Kentucky—Rev. A. S. H. Cree.
Louisiana—Joseph Carson.
Maine—M. Roy Anderson.
Manitoba—Percy S. Jannison.
Michigan—Fred W. Dean.
Minnesota—F. Carol Ackert.
Missouri—C. Percy Eagles.
Montana—David Harcus.
Nebraska—A. V. Roy.
Netherlands—C. Batt.
New Hampshire—Norman M. Sprague.
New Jersey—G. Harold Shannon.
New Mexico—John A. Kennedy.
New South Wales—Fred J. Johnson.
New York—John M. Burden.
New Zealand—J. Austin Evans.
North Carolina—Benjamin S. Scott.
North Dakota—J. Len Hewson.
Nova Scotia—Clarence McL. Pitts.
Ohio—Alexander G. N. Bradshaw.
Oklahoma—Andrew F. Tannahill.
Oregon—William E. Treganza.
Pennsylvania—John L. House.
Philippines—Charles W. Emmett.
Quebec—Maurice A. Searle.
Queensland—N. A. MacEachren.
Rhode Island—Ed. H. Brennan.
Saskatchewan—James E. Girven.
Switzerland—L. B. Morrison.
Texas—Allan C. Mason.
Utah—Lloyd B. Gillespie.
Vermont—Charles Sheppard.
Victoria—Alex Wishart.
Washington—Reg. J. Lewis.
West Australia—E. C. Wood.
West Virginia—H. A. Fred Schytte.
Wyoming—George Shute.

Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith extended a warm welcome to the Representatives and asked them to make contact with their respective Grand Chapters and thus strengthen the bond of our fraternal union with our Sister Jurisdictions. Grand Honours were given.

Our Grand Z. presented the Commission to M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth S. Wilder as our Grand Representative near the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, this being one of those rare occasions on which one of our representatives happened to be present as the Grand High Priest of his Grand Chapter. M. Ex. Comp. Wilder thanked M. Ex. Comp. Smith for this privilege and honour and said he hoped to return again to Ontario and take part on other Convocations.

GRAND Z's. ADDRESS

To the Officers and Companions of the Most Excellent The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

My Companions:

Once again it is my distinct honour and privilege to extend Fraternal Greetings and a most heartfelt welcome to this, the One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

May I first extend to the Companions of this Metropolitan City of Toronto and our host, the members of the Principal Association of Toronto Districts No. 8 and 8A, also the Immediate Past President R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Grierson, our most grateful thanks and appreciation for their kind invitation to again hold our Annual Convocation in their fair City and express our indebtedness for the time and effort put forth to insure its success.

It is a great personal delight to me and a privilege to welcome, on behalf of all Companions present, the head of all Masonry in the Province of Ontario, Most Worshipful Brother and Most Excellent Companion Clarence McLeod Pitts, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A.F. and A.M. of Canada, in the Province of Ontario. We again assure him of this Grand Chapter's continued allegiance and loyalty to him and Grand Lodge.

His term of Office, like my own, is rapidly drawing to a close. We extend to him our hearty congratulations and appreciation for his leadership, the time and energy he has unselfishly expended for the betterment of Free Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction. I express to him my thanks and appreciation for our many pleasant associations and the kind advice and guidance he has given during my term of Office. It is our sincere wish, Most Worshipful Sir, that The Great Architect of the Universe, will keep you in his holy keeping and bless you with health and strength, that we may be the beneficiaries of your Masonic experience and guidance for many years to come.

It is also our privilege to have with us the Grand Secretary, Rt. Wor. Bro. and Comp. Ewart G. Dixon, M.C., Q.C., to him we extend the same warm welcome.

From time to time it has been our distinct honour and privilege to have in our midst, the heads of other Masonic Bodies, i.e., The Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite for the Dominion of Canada, The Sovereign Great Priory of Canada, The Grand

Council Royal and Select Masters of Cryptic Rite, The Order of High Priesthood and The Masonic and Military Order of the Knights of the Red Cross of Constantine and Appendant Orders, we extend to them a most warm welcome and fraternal greetings.

Also, each year our Grand Chapter has been distinctly honoured to be host to many distinguished guests in the persons of Grand First Principals or their representatives of our Sister Jurisdictions in Canada, also Grand High Priests or their representatives and others from various Grand Jurisdictions of the United States. My predecessors and myself have many happy recollections of the kind hospitality, friendly and fraternal greetings extended on our many visits to their Grand Jurisdictions. On occasions such as this, I often think that perhaps we do not appreciate the great privilege that is ours in this Western half of world, where two nations under two different forms of government live side by side as neighbours and freely visit and extend the hand of fellowship and have but one hope and ideal that ere long the rest of the world, which is now passing through a period of transition with its many complexities and misunderstandings, will finally emerge and live together under one of the fundamental principles of our Craft, The Brotherhood of Man and the Fatherhood of God. Therefore, to these our guests we extend a most hearty welcome.

My Companions, we are again gathered together from all parts of this Grand Jurisdiction to discuss and legislate upon such questions as may be brought before us and I have every confidence that they will receive your undivided attention and will be dealt with in that judicial fairness which is always so noticeable at our Annual Convocations.

I come before you this morning to present to you an account of my stewardship of this my second and final year as your Grand First Principal. I am quite sure that no Companion ever enters upon the duties of this high office in so great a jurisdiction as ours, without a feeling of inadequacy. There are so many demands he would like to meet than is physically possible, equally there are ambitions and plans which lack of time and other circumstances prevent finalizing. But transcending all such feelings and emotions is a sense of humility in confronting the opportunities which such leadership affords and of gratitude to the Most High, that one has been given the health to fulfill the duties incumbent upon this high office, which I have endeavoured to perform with all the sincerity and physical ability I could command, in the hope that I have come within reasonable reach of the high standards set by the long line of Distinguished Masons who have been my predecessors.

THE VACANT CHAIRS

Each year as we read the number of Companions we have lost at the hands of the Grim Reaper, we are reminded of the uncertainty of our existence here below. Of these Companions, many have been active and have contributed much of their time and talent to the promotion of Capitular Masonry and the principles which have withstood the test of time.

When we came into the world, we knew little of what had transpired before us, but as we grew into manhood we learned of the past, we saw the flowers bloom as they had bloomed for ages, we learned what men had thought and said and done, but only through the eye of faith can we behold what is to come and only through a firm reliance upon the promises of our Heavenly Father can we satisfy the yearnings of an immortal soul. Let us, therefore, bear in mind that we are only weary pilgrims on our toilsome and rugged way to the temple of the Golden City, that house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Clock of life is wound but once
And no man hath the power
To tell just when the hands will stop
At late or early hour.

Now is the only time you own
Live, love, toil with a will
Place no faith in tomorrow for
The Clock may then be still.

To the immediate families, relatives and friends of all Companions, who have passed to their reward since last we met, may I tender the deepest sympathy of this Grand Chapter.

We are not alone, for we have received many reports from Sister Jurisdictions throughout Canada and the United States, of the passing of many of their distinguished Companions, to them we offer our sincere condolences.

Later in this Convocation the Committee on Fraternal Dead, under the Chairmanship of R. Ex. Comp. George Phillips, will tender its report.

VISITATIONS

I feel sure you will appreciate the impossibility of reporting in detail the many visits and interesting events throughout the past year, that it has been my privilege to attend. As I stated earlier in this report, it is physically impossible to accept all invitations, therefore some had to be declined, to these I tender my sincere regrets and offer my deep appreciation and thanks for their kindly consideration.

However, it was my pleasure to visit most of the Districts throughout the Grand Jurisdiction and found that same fraternal friendship and hospitality wherever I travelled and also an increased enthusiasm for Capitular Masonry.

I would be ungrateful if I did not express to Most Ex. Comp. Fred W. Dean and Most Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, my thanks and appreciation for representing me and this Grand Chapter at the 1960 Annual Convocation for the Grand Chapters of Michigan and Ohio respectively.

The following is a list of my Visitations:

Chapter Lodge or Event	Location	Occasion
1960		
APRIL		
1—Mount Sinai Chapter No. 44	Napanee	Ladies' Night
28—Grand Chapter Office	Toronto	
MAY		
4—	Stratford	Funeral of M. W. Bro. Copus
11—Beaver Chapter No. 225	Toronto	Grand Chapter Night, Received Honorary Membership
15-16-17—Carleton Chapter No. 16	Ottawa	100th Anniversary
27—Prince Edward Dist. No. 11 Principal Association	Belleville	Chapter of Instruction
JUNE		
11—Quinte Friendship Chapter No. 227	Belleville	Annual Visitation, St. George's Chapter No. 5, London
20-21-22—Grand Chapter British Columbia	Vancouver	Official Guest
JULY		
19-20-21—Grand Lodge A.F. & A.M.	Toronto	Official Guest
AUG.		
18—Grand Chapter Office	Toronto	G. S. E.
SEPT.		
17-18—Northern Lights Chapter No. 213	Timmins	Reception and Divine Service Official Guest
21—Mount Sinai Chapter No. 44	Napanee	Presenting 25 Year P. Prin. Jewel also 50 yr. Jewel

Chapter Lodge or Event	Location	Occasion
OCT.		
1—Massena Chapter	Massena, N.Y.	International Day Official Guest
3—Beaches Chapter No. 163	Toronto	Grand Chapter Night
5—The Moira Lodge No. 7	Belleville	Reception to G. J. W. Official Guest
10-11-12—Espanola Chapter No. 257	Espanola	Dedication Chapter Room
13—Grand Chapter Office	Toronto	G. S. E.
17—Quinte Friendship Chapter No. 227	Belleville	Grand Chapter Night
24-25-26—Grand Chapter of Virginia	Richmond	Official Guest
31—Grand Lodge of Canada	Hamilton	Dedication of the Grand Lodge Memorial Building Official Guest
NOV.		
18—The St. Patrick Chapter No. 145	Toronto	Grand Chapter Night
28—Harris Chapter No. 41	Ingersoll	Dedication of Chapter Room
DEC.		
7-8-9—Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania	Philadelphia	Official Guest
16—Frank Lodge	Frankford	Dedication of Lodge Room Official Guest
19—Prince Edward Chapter No. 31	Picton	Chapter of Instruction
20—Presqu'lle Chapter No. 144	Brighton	Ladies' Night Official Guest
26—Madoc Chapter No. 161	Madoc	Presenting 25 year Jewel's
1961		
JAN.		
9—Quinte Friendship and Moira Chapter	Belleville	Joint Installation
16—Grand Chapter Office	Toronto	Grand H. and Grand S. E.
18—Mount Sinai Chapter No. 44	Napanee	Reception to Grand Z. Official Guest
28—Oxford Chapter No. 18	Woodstock	100th Anniversary
FEB.		
1-2-3—Grand Chapter of New York	Albany	Official Guest
9—Grand Chapter Office	Toronto	Advisory Committee
16—Hamilton District No. 5 St. Clair Chapter	Milton	Reception to Grand Z. Official Guest
20—Prince Edward Chapter No. 31	Picton	Reception to Grand Z. Official Guest
23—Toronto Districts 8 and 8A	Toronto	Reception to Grand Z.
MAR.		
1—Moira Lodge	Belleville	160th Anniversary Official Guest
10—Victoria Chapter No. 37	Port Hope	Present 50 Year Past Prin. Bar
11—Hiawatha Chapter No. 252	Sarnia	International Day Official Guest
13—Quinte Friendship Chapter No. 227	Belleville	Grand Chapter Night
15—Grand Chapter Office	Toronto	Nomination Committee
20—Ionic Chapter No. 168	Campbellford	Ladies' Night Official Guest
21-22-23—Grand Chapter of Quebec	Montreal	Official Guest

HONOURS

I have long held the opinion that no greater honour can be bestowed than that of Honourary Membership in a Chapter. Therefore, I find it difficult to express adequately in words the thrill I have gained from such experiences. Therefore to the following Chapters who have conferred upon me Honourary Membership I extend my sincere thanks and deep sense of gratitude.

Beaver Chapter No. 225, Toronto.

Carleton Chapter No. 16, Ottawa.

The Beaches Chapter No. 163, Toronto.

Mount Sinai Chapter No. 44, Napanee.

Prince Edward Chapter No. 31, Picton

King Solomon's Chapter No. 8, Toronto.

Quinte Friendship Chapter No. 227, Belleville

Oxford Chapter No. 18, Woodstock.

The St. Andrew Chapter No. 238, London.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES

It was a pleasure for me to recommend the following Grand Representatives near our Grand Chapter:

Helvetia, Switzerland—V. Ex. Comp. L. B. Morrison.

Argentina—R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay.

New Mexico—R. Ex. Comp. J. A. Kennedy.

Nebraska—R. Ex. Comp. A. V. Roy.

Idaho—R. Ex. Comp. J. Sinclair.

Netherlands—R. Ex. Comp. C. Batt.

The following distinguished Companions were nominated and approved as our Grand Representative near his Grand Chapter:

New Jersey—M. Ex. Comp. Adrien B. Hommell.

North Carolina—Comp. Henry A. Barrow.

Helvetia, Switzerland—M. Ex. Comp. F. G. W. Schetelig.

Rhode Island—M. Ex. Comp. Kenneth S. Wilder.

ANNIVERSARIES

During the past year, two Chapters have celebrated Centennial Anniversaries.

On May the 15th, 16th and 17 last, accompanied by M. Ex.

Comp. C. M. Pitts, Grand Master and Past Grand Z; M. Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle, Past Grand Z; R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, Grand H; R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, Grand J, and other Grand Chapter Officers, I attended Carleton Chapter No. 16 at Ottawa.

On this, the occasion of their Centennial Celebration, a most interesting programme was arranged, commencing with a Divine Service, Sunday, May 15th, The Chapter meeting the 16th, which was followed by a Banquet on May 17th. A most enjoyable programme of entertainment and fraternal friendship was planned and enjoyed by all who were privileged to be present.

Again on the 28th of January last, I accepted an invitation extended by Oxford Chapter No. 18, to attend their Centennial Celebration, accompanied by: M. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, Past Grand Z; M. Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle, Past Grand Z; R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, Grand H, and other Grand Chapter Officers and enjoyed a most excellent programme arranged by the Companions of that Chapter.

On both occasions a concise history of the formation and early activities of the Chapter was read, which proved to be an inspiration to all present.

LONG SERVICE JEWELS

As you peruse the long list of Companions who have been the recipient of Long Service Jewels during the past year, it will become quite apparent that it is an impossible task for any Grand First Principal, no matter how he so desired, to make all the presentations personally. However, it was my pleasure to present a goodly number.

I would like to convey to all these Companions on behalf of myself and the Companions assembled, our hearty congratulations and express to them our sincere wish and prayer that the Great Jehovah in his wisdom will see fit to bless them with many more years of health and strength, that they may enjoy the abundant blessings he has bestowed on us.

PRESENTATION OF JEWELS

The following is a list of those who have received these awards during the past year:

Fifty Year Past Principal's Bar

Chapter

No. 37 Victoria—V. Ex. Comp. George Taylor.

No. 79 Orient—Ex. Comp. John Archibald.

For Fifty Years a Royal Arch Mason

Chapter

No. 1 Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui—Rt. Ex. Comp. H. J. Milne.
No. 2 The Hiram—Comp. C. E. Mawson, Comp. E. A. Peacock.
No. 8 King Solomon's—Comp. H. B. Jolly.
No. 19 Mount Moriah—Comp. F. W. Beard.
No. 23 Ezra—Ex. Comp. A. J. Peachey, Comp. G. L. Pow, Comp. W. J. Rutherford.
No. 26 St. Mark's—Comp. M. A. Harris.
No. 27 Manitou—Comp. F. M. Hughes.
No. 28 Pentalpha—Comp. H. E. Bradley, Comp. H. J. Beaton, Comp. D. J. Brown.
No. 30 Huron—Comp. B. C. Wier.
No. 31 Prince Edward—V. Ex. Comp. E. A. Pearce.
No. 34 Signet—R. Ex. Comp. R. A. W. Stewart, Comp. A. H. Felt.
No. 53 Bruce—Comp. R. G. Smith.
No. 54 Palestine—Comp. H. Idsardi.
No. 69 Grimsby—Comp. Robert O. Smith, Comp. G. W. Zimmerman.
No. 77 Occident—Comp. R. J. Ambler, Comp. C. W. Brand, Comp. J. S. Eccles, Comp. A. E. Fegan, Comp. G. H. Fenson, Comp. E. Ogilvie, Comp. W. W. Tuxford, Comp. A. O. Wood, Comp. J. E. King.
No. 79 Orient—Ex. Comp. J. Archibald, Comp. George Arnold, Comp. George F. Weston.
No. 88 MacNabb—Comp. R. C. Turner.
No. 103 St. John's—Ex. Comp. H. G. Thorpe, Comp. L. B. Christie.
No. 113 Covenant—Comp. D. A. MacNaughton.
No. 114 Bonnechere—Rt. Ex. Comp. R. F. Fraser.
No. 117 Kitchener—Comp. John H. Schmidt.
No. 134 King Darius—Ex. Comp. J. A. Parliament.
No. 145 The St. Patrick—Comp. F. Smith.
No. 148 St. John's—Rt. Ex. Comp. A. D. McRae.
No. 150 London—Rt. Ex. Comp. F. E. Harley.
No. 167 Kichikewana—Rt. Ex. Comp. C. V. Eagles, Ex. Comp. H. G. Thorpe.
No. 235 Aurora—V. Ex. Comp. R. W. McQuade.

For Twenty-five Years Installed First Principal

Chapter

No. 1 Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui—Ex. Comp. O. A. Dodson.
No. 4 St. Andrew and St. John—V. Ex. Comp. G. Garnett.
No. 5 St. George's—V. Ex. Comp. Thomas W. Fryer.
No. 6 St. John's—V. Ex. Comp. Henry W. Hewett.
No. 16 Carleton—V. Ex. Comp. T. C. Miller.
No. 18 Oxford—Ex. Comp. D. J. McLeod.
No. 19 Mount Moriah—Rt. Ex. Comp. J. P. Hudson.
No. 22 Grenville—Ex. Comp. P. E. Fretwell, Ex. Comp. J. E. Schlichter, Ex. Comp. R. Simpson.
No. 23 Ezra—Ex. Comp. A. J. Peachey.
No. 26 St. Mark's—Rt. Ex. Comp. Nostrand Sprague.
No. 30 Huron—Ex. Comp. R. Bisset.
No. 34 Signet—Ex. Comp. Albert Hirehey.

No. 40 Guelph—Ex. Comp. C. Lamont.
No. 44 Mount Sinai—V. Ex. Comp. G. M. Loyst, Rt. Ex. Comp. Anthony Elias Holmes.
No. 47 Wellington—V. Ex. Comp. L. H. Veale.
No. 53 Bruce—Ex. Comp. John J. Edwards.
No. 55 Niagara—Ex. Comp. P. K. Hambly.
No. 56 Georgian—Ex. Comp. Lorne Cecil Baker, Ex. Comp. Wilbur B. Phillips.
No. 62 York—V. Ex. Comp. W. J. Cook.
No. 65 St. Paul's—V. Ex. Comp. Eugene Montgomery.
No. 68 Maitland—Ex. Comp. S. Hough.
No. 69 Grimsby—Ex. Comp. H. G. Mogg.
No. 81 Aylmer—Ex. Comp. F. W. Kaiser.
No. 83 Ionic—V. Ex. Comp. Arthur Henry Woodland.
No. 84 Lebanon—Ex. Comp. J. Dusten Beecroft.
No. 88 MacNabb—Rt. Ex. Comp. E. R. Paling.
No. 95 Tuscan—Rt. Ex. Comp. C. O. Maddock.
No. 103 St. John's—V. Ex. Comp. Edwin Allcott Tilley.
No. 104 White Oak—Ex. Comp. E. D. Jordan.
No. 113 Covenant—Ex. Comp. Clemett Joshua Maye.
No. 115 Brant—Ex. Comp. George L. Foulds.
No. 117 Kitchener—Rt. Ex. Comp. A. C. Mason.
No. 131 Amabel—Ex. Comp. Richard J. Colter.
No. 133 St. Francis—Rt. Ex. Comp. George A. Phillips.
No. 134 King Darius—Ex. Comp. Clarence John MacKay.
No. 135 Succoth—V. Ex. Comp. Harry V. Watson.
No. 145 The St. Patrick—V. Ex. Comp. E. Hewett.
No. 146 Bernard—Ex. Comp. R. Oke.
No. 150 London—M. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw.
No. 152 Alberton—Ex. Comp. Cecil Fraser Garland.
No. 153 Sombra—Rt. Ex. Comp. John Ashton Lillie.
No. 161 Madoc—V. Ex. Comp. W. E. Connor, Ex. Comp. L. K. Crawford, Ex. Comp. W. F. Hart, Ex. Comp. G. West, Ex. Comp. T. H. Rupert, Ex. Comp. C. H. Buskard.
No. 167 Kitchikewana—V. Ex. Comp. B. J. Brownell, Rt. Ex. Comp. Charles Percival Eagles.
No. 175 Hamilton—M. Ex. Comp. Frederick W. Dean.
No. 184 Hugh Murray—R. Ex. Comp. J. A. Bell.
No. 205 Victoria—Ex. Comp. N. G. McDonald.
No. 210 Kitchener—Ex. Comp. Harold Beecher Geiger.
No. 214 Vimy—Ex. Comp. James Albert Hartley.
No. 217 St. Alban's—V. Ex. Comp. J. A. Burton.
No. 219 Ulster—V. Ex. Comp. H. C. Kesteven.
No. 221 Durham—V. Ex. Comp. Gordon Carman Webster.
No. 224 Keystone—Ex. Comp. Charles Dean.
No. 225 Beaver—Rt. Ex. Comp. John Charles Day, Rt. Ex. Comp. W. Pendleton.
No. 226 Prince of Wales—Rt. E. Comp. Peter O. McLaren.
No. 227 Quinte Friendship—Rt. Ex. Comp. Maitland Roy Anderson.
No. 230 Port Credit—Ex. Comp. James Herbert Pinchin.
No. 233 Oakwood—V. Ex. Comp. J. Burns.
No. 235 Aurora—Rt. Ex. Comp. N. F. Johnson, Ex. Comp. E. J. Eveleigh, V. Ex. Comp. J. H. Knowles.
No. 238 The St. Andrew—V. Ex. Comp. Anthony Varey Sedgwick.
No. 243 McKay—V. Ex. Comp. William Morley Spera.
No. 246 Humber—V. Ex. Comp. W. J. Hales, Ex. Comp. Ernest E. Clarke.
No. 250 Thomas Peters—Ex. Comp. George Higgins.
No. 252 Hiawatha—V. Ex. Comp. Russell Alexander Bond.
No. 253 Regal—Ex. Comp. J. D. Struthers, Sr.

TORONTO WELFARE COMMITTEE

Last year I highly commended the humanitarian work done by the Royal Arch Welfare Committee of Toronto districts Eight and Eight A.

From the report received from this committee, I find that under the chairmanship of V. Ex. Comp. M. S. Clark, that it is still carrying on its worthwhile work with increased enthusiasm.

It has again given assistance to the Toronto City Mission, by transporting to and from the Bronte Camp, in cars voluntarily supplied by the Companions, some 382 Mothers and underpriviliged Children.

At the Divadale Hospital operated by the Department of Veterans Affairs, where aged Veterans are cared for, regular visits continue to be made, entertainment and comforts supplied.

Also Loughlin Lodge, a home for aged men and women, similar good work is carried on.

Their work among the Retarded Children, who live in at the Beverly School, is to be particularly commended.

This year, as previously, it continues to give a worthwhile service to Companions who reside out of town and are placed in hospital in Toronto, by making regular visits and giving encouragement and comfort to those who perhaps may not receive any visitors.

All this work is done by the untiring efforts of this committee, who by social events and donations received, supply all the necessary finances.

I would, therefore, on behalf of this Grand Chapter, extend to them our sincere commendation for their true exemplification of the fundamental teaching's of the Craft.

MASONIC LIBRARY

I would like to commend to all Companions, the Grand Lodge Library at 888 Yonge St., Toronto and suggest to all that you make full use of the abundance of literature that can be obtained through the Grand Lodge Librarian, R. Wor. Bro. and Comp. A. E. MacGregor.

I would like to extend to him on behalf of this Grand Chapter our thanks and appreciation for the service he has rendered throughout the past year.

PAST RANK

Ex. Comp. Charles Fox was duly elected and installed First Principal of Minnewawa Chapter No. 78 for 1952. Owing to illness in his family and himself he was not able to complete his term of office, inasmuch as he did not attend the last four meetings. Ex. Comp. Fox has served as Scribe E. of Minnewawa Chapter for four years and a report from the Grand Superintendent of London District No. 5, on his official visit Ex. Comp. Fox is rendering commendable service. A request has been received from this Chapter, signed by nine Past Principals, that he be given Past Rank and I, therefore, recommend that this request be granted.

Ex. Comp. E. G. Rixon was duly elected First Principal of King Darius Chapter No. 134 at their January meeting, 1960, and installed in February. The election and installation, having been postponed one month owing to weather conditions, he. therefore, served only eleven months. A request has been received from this Chapter that he be given Past Rank, I therefore recommend that this request be granted.

May I point out at this time that constitutionly no officer is entitled to Past Rank unless he has served a full term of twelve months or that a recommendation be made to and granted by Grand Chapter.

MEMBERSHIP

Later, during our proceedings, R. Ex. Comp. A. F. Tannahill, Chairman of the Membership Committee, will submit a full report. However, this is one phase of our activities that has given much concern, not only to myself but also to my predecessors.

I am sorry to report that there has been a decrease in Admissions this year but an increase in Joinings and Restorations, giving a total addition of 932.

Much has been said from time to time by many Past Grand First Principals about the problem of Withdrawals, Suspensions and Deaths. The number of Companions, claimed by the Grim Reaper, is beyond our control and 537 Companions have been lost to us by Death, the highest in ten years.

During my visits throughout our Grand Jurisdiction, I have constantly stressed the importance of retaining members after they have joined. Also I have emphasized the importance of a careful study of all requests for Demits, that every effort should be made to lessen the loss in membership by Suspensions. I am

pleased to report that the loss by these two causes has decreased considerably, 353 this year against 631 last year, the lowest in ten years. This is most encouraging and I strongly recommend that efforts be continued to concentrate on this important problem throughout the coming year. A close study of the following ten year analysis of membership will show an increase of 42 in total membership for the year.

Year	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Total Additions	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Total Deletions	Net Increase	Membership end of Year
1951	1,047	81	38	1,166	171	184	502	859	309	20,958
1952	1,051	100	34	1,185	189	197	463	849	336	21,294
1953	1,139	75	46	1,260	214	169	400	783	477	21,771
1954	1,045	86	34	1,165	234	151	453	838	327	22,098
1955	952	55	31	1,038	175	188	475	838	200	22,298
1956	943	73	22	1,038	223	182	497	902	136	22,434
1957	879	78	27	984	242	150	536	928	56	22,490
1958	902	99	20	1,021	228	152	503	883	138	22,628
1959	927	70	16	1,013	426	205	495	1126	113	22,513
1960	828	72	32	932	222	131	537	890	42	22,554

DEDICATIONS

Two Chapter rooms were dedicated during the year:

October 11, 1960—Espanola Chapter No. 257. Espanola.
November 28, 1960—Harris Chapter No. 41. Ingersoll.

On each occasion I was accompanied by the Grand Superintendent of the respective Districts, and many other Grand Chapter Officers.

DISPENSATIONS

One Hundred and Forty-five (145) Dispensations were issued as follows:

Attend Divine Service	21
Change Day or Hour of Opening	60
Permit Social Functions	22
Waiver of Jurisdictions from one Chapter to another re Companions	4
Change Place of Opening	3
Amputations Initiated	1
Dispense with Convocations in the Summer Months	8
Dispense with December Convocation	3
To Confer Three Degress in One Day	4
Advancement of Officers as required by Constitution	15
Permit Special Emergent Meetings	4
Total	145

At this time last year, I mentioned that whenever there is a deviation from the Constitution or Bylaws, a request must be made to Grand Chapter Office for a Dispensation. From the Chapter Summons that I receive, I still find programmes arranged that need such Dispensations, but none has been applied for. Therefore, I again stress that the Officers, when arranging their Chapter activities, endeavour to conform with the Constitution and thereby save themselves embarrassment.

CHAPTER BY-LAWS

New By-laws Approved:

Chapter	No.
Occident	77
Centennial	260

Amendments to By-laws Approved:

Chapter	No.	Chapter	No.
The Moira	7	Golden	90
Ionic	168	Northern Lights	213
Humber	246	Covenant	113
London	150	Orient	79
Harris	41	Ark	80
Prince Edward	31	St. Pauls	65
Hugh Murray	184	Pentalpha	28
Warkworth	110	Beaver	225
Wellington	47	Sussex St. Lawrence	59
London	150	King Darius	134
St. Andrew & St. John	4	Wilson	64
St. Johns	48		

RECOMMENDATIONS

For some years R. Ex. Comp. Ben Scott of St. Andrew Chapter, No. 238, London, was a member of the Executive Committee of this Grand Chapter and has been ever ready when called on for assistance and guidance. The contribution made by him in connection with the Grand Chapter History, as Reviewer and Archivist of this Grand Chapter and indeed in all spheres of Capitular Masonry, has been invaluable. In recognition of these services, I recommend that Honourary Membership on the Grand Chapter Executive Committee be conferred upon him in accordance with Paragraph 65, Section 1 of the Grand Chapter Constitution.

The confirmation of this recommendation will leave one vacancy.

INTERNATIONAL EVENTS

I again had the pleasure of receiving invitations for two such events. On October 1st last, it was my privilege to attend such an event held at Massena, New York, where under the joint auspices of Massena Chapter, New York and Covenant Chapter No. 113, Cornwall, Ontario, they held their Annual International Day. Many Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers, both from the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario and the Grand Chapter of New York, were present.

Again on March 11th of this year, another such event was held at Sarnia under the joint auspices of Hiawatha Chapter No. 252, Sarnia and Port Huron Chapter, Port Huron, accompanied by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, Grand H and many Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers, we had the opportunity of spending several hours of fraternal friendship with a large number of Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers and Members from across the border. These two events appear to be established on a permanent basis and do much to promote fraternal relations, good will and understanding.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Nominations for Elective Officers of Grand Chapter (except that of the Grand Superintendents) are to be submitted on a special form and sealed, to be received at the Grand Chapter Office no later than March 15th and turned over to a committee appointed by the Grand First Principal, to be opened. For the performance of this duty, I appointed M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, Chairman, M. Ex. Comp. John L. House and myself as members.

RULINGS

I did not find it necessary to give any new rulings during my term of office. However, on several occasions it was necessary to point out to those concerned that certain rulings made by my predecessors, also the constitution, were being violated. As these rulings are printed in our Book of Constitution, I would strongly suggest that all the Officers of the Constituant Chapters make a careful study of the contents, also the rulings and thereby save themselves and others embarrassment.

APPRECIATION

I feel sure all will appreciate that one cannot fulfill the duties of this High Office without assistance from other sources. Therefore, at this time, I would like to refer to some who have afforded me this.

To the Toronto Districts, I have already expressed the thanks of this Grand Chapter. May I now extend my personal thanks for their contribution toward the success of this Convocation.

To the Past Grand First Principals, those stalwarts of Capitular Masonry in this Jurisdiction for their experience, assistance and advice, always available. Also to R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, Grand H, R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, Grand J., for their kind support and co-operation and ever ready assistance, I express my sincere thanks.

To the Grand Chapter Officers, also the Grand Superintendents, for their loyalty to Grand Chapter, for the manner they have discharged the duties of their respective Offices, I extend my personal thanks and that of this Grand Chapter.

Then, of course, there is one Office that one cannot carry on without it's assistance, that of the Grand Scribe E. I consider myself most fortunate to have M. Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle occupying that Office. He, being my immediate predecessor, was of much assistance with his kind advice and guidance throughout the past year. It was just a year ago that he returned to us after a long and serious illness. We are grateful that the G. A. O. T. U. saw fit to restore him to good health, although the return has been long and at times very trying. I am sure I express the wish of all present that ere long he will be restored to full health and strength and may he be spared many years to be with us.

To him I extend my most sincere thanks, also that of Grand Chapter for the services rendered and to his staff who has changed from time to time, may I say thank you.

GENERAL OBSERVATIONS

It has been my privilege during my term of Office, to visit throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, attending many celebrations by individual Chapters and Districts. This experience, therefore, prompts me to express some personal observations. First, within the past year, I have been greatly impressed with the enthusiasm, particularly among the Officers. I find younger men seeking and being placed in office which augers well for the future. Indeed, further proof of this will be found in the recent Chapter Summons which has reached me, indicating there is an upsurge in the field of membership and consequently, while there has been a decrease in Admissions during the past year, I firmly believe this will now be rectified.

Last year, I referred to the important part the Chapter Summons has in its activity. Some improvements have been shown of late but I feel much more can be done through this medium. I, therefore, again urge the Officers to study ways and means to

make it of interest and informative to the Companions, that it may be opened with anticipation and studied carefully, then acted upon.

I also find much more interest and enthusiasm, also more uniformity in our degree work. This, I believe is due to a great measure to the efforts of R. Ex. Comp. R. J. Lewis, the Grand Lecturer, who has given much time travelling throughout the Grand Jurisdiction, extending assistance and advice to the Districts and Officers of the Constituent Chapters.

Again, may I strongly stress, as has been done many times in the past, to those responsible for the activities of the Chapter, that much thought be given to the organization of meetings. Endeavour to start on time, proceed with dispatch so some portion of the evening may be given to the Companions to enjoy an opportunity of fraternizing with one another.

We are admonished that our meetings are of a two fold nature, Moral Instruction and Social Intercourse. The former is most important. This is accomplished in the Chapter Room but I am of the firm belief that the latter is of equal importance, for it is at the social hour that we are able to unite in the grand design of being happy and communicating happiness.

May I say with all humility that it has been an honour and a privilege to have served as your Grand First Principal, an honour for which I thank you most sincerely. I have endeavoured to the utmost of my ability to advance the true fundamental teachings of Capitular Masonry. At this time, I realize more than ever the full meaning of my closing words of last year:

"Without your help I would have failed, together we have achieved some measure of success."

Finally, my Companions, the past two years have given to me a most rewarding and enriching experience. I have been brought to a fuller realization and a greater appreciation of my individual responsibilities as a Royal Arch Mason. Consequently, I shall in the future use the very best of my ability to be of service to this Grand Chapter and promote the great fundamentals which have ever been its foundation.

Fraternally submitted,

Bruce H. Smith
Grand Z.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay and—

Resolved—That the address of the M. Ex. the Grand Z. be referred to the Committee on the Grand Z's Address to report thereon during the present Convocation of Grand Chapter.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS' REPORTS

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT No. 1

Rt. Ex. Comp. E. I. McConnell

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario

In submitting my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in St. Clair District I again wish to thank the Companions for my election, also Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith for confirming my appointment.

I would also like to express by appreciation to Ex. Comp. Ronald Nudds who acted as my secretary and was of great assistance at all times.

It was a pleasure to have Rt. Ex. Comp. L. B. Boyle, Ex. Comp. Jack Mitchell and Ex. Comp. Lester Fisher with me on many of my official visits. I was also pleased that V. Ex. Comp. Kenneth Colwell of Sombra Chapter, Grand Steward, was able to be with me on many occasions.

I regretted very much that my immediate predecessor, Rt. Ex. Comp. Earl K. Rupert, suffered a severe illness early in the fall and was confined to hospital and his home for some months.

My official visits were as follows:

Wellington, No. 47, Chatham—Sept. 8.
Sombra, No. 153, Wallaceburg—Sept. 12.
King Cyrus, No. 119, Leamington—Oct. 12.
Prince of Wales, No. 71, Essex—Oct. 14.
Erie, No. 73, Ridgetown—Oct. 17.
MacNabb, No. 88, Dresden—Oct. 25.
Blenheim, No. 239, Blenheim—Nov. 2.
Ark, No. 80, Windsor—Nov. 7.
Thomas Peters, No. 250, Windsor—Nov. 9.
Lorne, No. 164, West Lorne—Nov. 18.

In addition to my official visits I attended at least one other Convocation at all Chapters and was able to attend all but one Installation. On all occasions I was cordially and properly received.

I saw a degree conferred in each Chapter and the work was done in a sincere and creditable manner.

I attended church parades at MacNabb Chapter, Sombra Chapter and Ark Chapter. These were well attended and the officers in charge deserve credit for their organizational work.

It has again been arranged to hold two District Divine Services this year. For the Companions of Essex County the service will be sponsored by King Cyrus Chapter at Leamington and for Kent County by Blenheim Chapter at Blenheim.

On May 21st the degree of the Holy Royal Arch was conferred by Past Grand Superintendents in Wellington Chapter, Chatham. There were seventeen Past Grand Superintendents present. On June 10 Past Grand Chapter officers also conferred the Royal Arch Degree in Prince of Wales Chapter, Essex. Both convocations were well attended and the work was very well done.

Three meetings of the Principals' Association were held during the year. These were well attended by sitting Principals and Past Principals. The meetings are of benefit to all Chapters.

A summary of conditions in St. Clair District show that there will be a loss of membership for the year 1960. This has not been due to lack of effort on the part of the Companions. The first quarter of 1961 has shown much improvement and the average number of candidates is much higher. There are prospects of an increase in membership for 1961.

In conclusion I would like to say that it has been a pleasure and a privilege to serve as Grand Superintendent for the past term. To my successors I pledge my support and I know that support will be received from all Chapters.

LONDON DISTRIST No. 2

Rt. Ex. Comp. Leo J. Gent

It has been a privilege and an honour to serve as Grand Superintendent of London District No 2 of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

May I take this opportunity to thank the Principals and Past Principals of this district for the honour they conferred on me in electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent and to Most Excellent Companion Bruce H. Smith for his confirmation and appointment.

My first duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. George Tucker, of my own Chapter, as my secretary and I thank him for the co-operation and assistance he has given me during my term of office. He was most efficient and accompanied me on all inspections and other visits throughout the district. I also appointed Ex. Comp. Ivan D. Parkinson, of my own Chapter, as Chairman of the District Education Committee, Ex. Comp. Leslie C. Ewener of Wawanosh Chapter No. 15, Sarnia, as Chairman of the District Membership Committee and Rt. Ex. Comp. H. A. Hamilton of Wawanosh Chapter No. 15, Sarnia, as District Chaplain.

A Chapter of Instruction was held at Nilestown Chapter No. 247 on Wednesday, June 1, 1960, with all 14 Chapters of the district represented and with a total attendance of 60. Instruction was given by Rt. Ex. Comp. Reginald J. Lewis, Grand Lecturer, on those points which Grand Chapter had requested the Grand Superintendents bring to the attention of the Constituent Chapters.

Official visits were arranged and carried out as follows:

June 22—St. John's, No. 3, London.
June 23—St. Andrew's, No. 238, London.
Sept. 12—Vimy, No. 214, Inwood.
Sept. 19—Minnewawa, No. 78, Parkhill.
Sept. 23—St. George's, No. 5, London.
Oct. 3—Beaver, No. 74, Strathroy.
Oct. 4—St. Paul's, No. 242, Lambeth.
Oct. 6—Aylmer, No. 81, Aylmer.
Oct. 14—Wawanosh, No. 15, Sarnia.
Oct. 20—Nilestown, No. 247, Nilestown.
Nov. 7—Hiawatha, No. 252, Sarnia.
Nov. 10—Palestine, No. 54, St. Thomas.
Nov. 15—London, No. 150, London.
Nov. 16—Bruce, No. 53, Petrolia.

On all of these official visits I was graciously received and with the dignity that should be accorded the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal.

Degree Work

Degree work was conferred on each of my fourteen visits, which included nine Holy Royal Arch Degrees, three Most Excellent Masters Degrees and two Mark Master Mason's Degrees. On the whole the degree work was conferred in an effective and efficient manner.

Special Events

On May 14, 1960, pursuant to the permission of Most Excellent Companion Bruce H. Smith, I accompanied St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 238, London, on a fraternal visit to Ionic Chapter No. 161, Detroit.

On May 20, 1960, I attended the Ruling Principal's Night held at Wawanosh Chapter, No. 15, Sarnia. The Ruling Principals of London District exemplified the Holy Royal Arch Degree.

On January 12, 1961, I was afforded the privilege of assisting with the joint installations of the officers of St. John's, No. 3, St. George's, No. 5, London, No. 150, St. Andrew's, No. 238, St. Paul's, No. 242, and Nilestown, No. 247.

On March 11, 1961, I attended the International celebration at Hiawatha Chapter, No. 252, Sarnia. Almost every Chapter in the district was represented, and Royal Arch Masons from the United States travelled as far as 600 miles to be present. Some 300 Royal Arch Masons and their wives attended the evening banquet. We were honoured with th presence of our Grand First Principal Most Excellent Comp. Bruce H. Smith and our Grand Second Principal Rt. Ex. Comp. Chas. Emmett and many other Grand Chapter officers past and present. Hiawatha Chapter is rendering a great service to Capitular Masonry and to international relations.

The educational degree team in the western section of the district conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree during the afternoon to the great satisfaction of our many visitors from the United States.

District Divine Service

The District Divine Service was held on Sunday, October 16, 1960, at 7.30 p.m. at Dorchester United Church, Dorchester. The Rev. W. A. Mather, B.A., B.D., minister of the Dorchester United Church, delivered a very appropriate and inspiring sermon. It was well attended by members from almost every Chapter in the district.

Masonic Education

Immediately following my election and appointment I appointed Ex. Comp. Ivan D. Parkinson of Nilestown Chapter No. 247 Chairman of the Education Committee and requested each Chapter to appoint a representative to that committee. The first meeting of the committee was held on September 13, 1960. This meeting emphasized the necessity of:

(a) Uniformity of performance of degree work and exactness in following the ritual and the manual of instruction;

(b) All directors of ceremonies being thoroughly familiar with the ritual;

(c) Forming skilled degree teams to exemplify the degrees upon invitation for the purpose of not only giving instruction but to also demonstrate the proper methods of conferring the three degrees.

The district was divided into three sections: the western section prepared the Holy Royal Arch Degree; the centre or city section prepared the Most Excellent Masters Degree and the eastern or southern section prepared the Mark Master Mason's Degree. The degree team in the western section conferred the Holy Royal Arch Degree at the International celebration held at Hiawatha Chapter No. 252 on March 11, 1961. On Thursday, March 16, 1961, the educational degree team in the southern or eastern section will confer the Mark Master Mason's Degree at Nilestown Masonic Chapter No. 247. Following the working of each degree the group responsible meets to review their work to check where improvements can be made. It is intended that after ample opportunity has been given to every one in a section to see how one degree should be worked that section will then work one of the other degrees.

Masonic Membership

Ex. Comp. Leslie C. Ewener of Wawanosh Chapter No. 15, Sarnia, was appointed Chairman of the Membership Committee and Chapters were requested to appoint a representative to that committee. This committee has throughout the year studied ways and means of:

(a) increasing membership;

(b) increasing attendance at regular Chapter meetings;

(c) preventing suspensions and demits.

To my successor I extend my congratulations and pledge him my full support. I request that the district offer him the same co-operation that I had the privilege of experiencing.

WILSON DISTRICT No. 3

Rt. Ex. Comp. C. R. Burton

Since the session of Grand Chapter held in April, 1960, it has been a rare honour for me, accompanied by my very efficient secretary, Robert C. Walker, to officially visit all the Chapters in Wilson District and to pay them at least a second unofficial visit.

The schedule of official visits was completed as follows:

Oct. 12—Regal No. 253, Port Dover.
Oct. 13—Ezra No. 23, Simcoe.
Oct. 17—Brant No. 115, Paris.
Oct. 18—Tillsonburg No. 255, Tillsonburg.
Oct. 20—Mount Horeb No. 20, Brantford.
Nov. 11—Harris No. 41, Ingersoll.
Nov. 25—Oxford No. 18, Woodstock.

The District Divine Service was held at St. Paul's United Church, Paris. The address was given by the minister, the Rev. Stanley Tose. All the Chapters were well represented.

On all official visits I was graciously received and witnessed several degrees exemplified in a very excellent manner.

The outstanding events of the year were the dedication of the new Chapter room at Ingersoll on November 28 and the Centennial celebrations of Oxford Chapter on January 28. On both occasions we were honoured by the presence of Most Ex. Comp. B. H. Smith, the Grand Z., and other Grand Chapter officers.

My thanks are extended to all Chapter members in the district who were instrumental in placing me in this honourable position. It has been an experience that I shall not soon forget. And to the members who accompanied me on my several visits the expressions of fellowship were deep and lasting.

I relinquish my position of Grand Superintendent with many happy memories which I shall always cherish. To my successor I wish the same kind of reception which has been accorded to me on all occasions. May the blessings of the Great Jehovah be ever yours.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 4

R. Ex. Comp. Lawrence E. Morphy

It is with much pleasure that I submit this report from Wellington District No. 4. First of all, I would take this opportunity to thank the Companions of the District for bestowing the honour upon me of representing our Grand First Principal Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith in our District and for his confirmation of my appointment.

I was most fortunate in having chosen as my secretary Ex. Comp. Frank B. Johnson, who was most faithful and efficient. To his every consideration I am very grateful.

One of the highlights of the year was our District Divine Service held at Palmerston United Church at 7 p.m. October 2, 1960, with Rt. Ex. Comp. Rev. A. K. Campbell. Past Grand Chaplain, as minister, who in his usual most capable manner gave a most inspiring address.

We were also favoured by the presence of the Grand Third Principal, Rt. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, M.D., who read the Scripture lesson.

Being favoured with a beautiful autumn evening, Companions from all Chapters in the District were able to attend as well as some from our neighboring District No. 6. Following the church service all enjoyed a social hour at my home.

Each of the Chapters in the District was visited at least twice besides my official visits, which were as follows:

Sept. 27—Ionic Chapter No. 83, Orangeville.
Oct. 7—Kitchener Chapter No. 117, Kitchener.

Oct. 11—Enterprise Chapter No. 67, Palmerston.
Oct. 14—Guelph Chapter No. 40, Guelph.
Oct. 19—Halton Chapter No. 234, Georgetown.
Oct. 27—Waterloo Chapter No. 32, Galt.
Nov. 10—Prince Edward Chapter No. 218, Shelburne.
Nov. 15—Durham Chapter No. 221, Durham.
Nov. 22—Preston Chapter No. 245, Preston.

I was received with dignity and honour on all occasions. Degrees were conferred on all official visits in a very efficient and effective manner. It is very stimulating to see Royal Arch Masonry setting such a high standard in this District.

The general appearance of all Chapters being excellent and seeing the records and books of the Scribe E's in the various Chapters kept in such a wonderful condition deserves mention. With one exception all Chapters are enjoying a healthy financial condition.

The Principals' Association is very active in the District, a meeting being held in Enterprise Chapter at Palmerston October 31 at which the Grand Third Principal Rt. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, M.D., was guest speaker, bringing a very inspiring message to the Ex. Companions of the District. Another meeting has been planned for March 29 in Guelph Masonic Temple, Most Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle, Grand Scribe E., being guest speaker.

In concluding I would like to extend a special thanks to the Past Rt. Ex. and Very Ex. Companions for their kindness and assistance and to all Companions who accompanied me on my visitations in the District my sincere thanks.

To my successor I extend my wholehearted support and would ask the District to afford him the same cordial co-operation that I had the privilege to experience during the past year.

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 5

Rt. Ex. Comp. Ralph J. Cocks

I have the honour and pleasure of presenting my reports on Royal Arch Masonry in Hamilton District No. 5.

First I wish to thank the Principals and Companions of this District for the honour they conferred on Hiram Chapter No. 2 and on myself in unanimously electing me to this high office and to Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith for confirming my appointment.

Ex. Companion Douglas G. Horne has filled the position as secretary in a most admirable manner. His knowledge of Capitular Masonry and interest in activities of all Chapter work has been a fine example to all Companions.

I received a warm welcome in each Chapter as the representative of the Grand First Principal and the loyalty towards Grand Chapter was expressed by all the Companions.

At an informal visit to White Oak Chapter No. 104 in Oakville on May 10 I had the pleasure on behalf of the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal of presenting to Ex. Comp. Jordon of that Chapter a 25-year Past Principal's jewel.

In the Chapter Room of the Masonic Hall, James Street North, Hamilton, on May 16 a meeting of the Principals and Scribe E's of the District was held for the purpose of preparing a Trestle Board for the official visits which resulted as follows:

Sept. 23—Hiram No. 2, Hamilton.
Oct. 11—White Oak, No. 104, Oakville.
Oct. 18—Hamilton, No. 175, Hamilton.
Oct. 27—Caledonia, No. 236, Caledonia.
Oct. 30—District Divine Service, St. Enoch Presbyterian Church.
Nov. 7—Keystone, No. 224, Hamilton.

Nov. 9—McKay, No. 243, Stoney Creek.
Nov. 10—St. John, No. 6, Hamilton.
Nov. 15—Ancaster, No. 155, Ancaster.
Nov. 17—St. Clair, No. 75, Milton.

On Sunday, October 30, 1960, at 11 a.m. the Royal Arch Masons of the Hamilton District gathered at St. Enoch Presbyterian Church for Divine Service, the service being conducted by Rev. M. Di Gangi, minister of that church. There were over one hundred Royal Arch Masons signed the register that morning and a great number of them had their wives in the church.

On all my visits of inspection I was very happy to have a good number of Companions with me from the Chapters who accompanied me. Also at all of these visits I had great support from my friends of Hiram Chapter No. 2.

One of the unique experiences of my year of office was the Centennial of Oxford Chapter No. 18 at Woodstock on Saturday, January 28, 1961, when the members of Hiram Chapter No. 2 of Hamilton and St. John's Chapter No. 3 of London performed the Installation of Officers of Oxford Chapter No. 18, being the same Chapters who installed the original officers of that Chapter 100 years ago. Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith was also present and spoke at that occasion.

Since my election as Grand Superintendent I have tried to attend most Chapter meetings in the District and have been very well received at all times and always asked to come back.

I did attend all the installations except where Hamilton Chapter No. 175 and Ancaster Chapter No. 155 came on the same night, when I went to Hamilton's installation, and when that ceremony was over I excused myself and drove to Ancaster and enjoyed a social hour with the Companions of that Chapter.

May I say at this time that the sociability in the district runs very high when the various Chapters have entertained the Companions and their ladies, mentioning St. Clair Chapter's smorgusbord and Caledonia Chapter's oyster supper as examples.

The District reception to the Grand First Principal was indeed a great success, all Chapters in the District being present. I had the honour at that time of presenting to Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith the nine ruling First Principals of the District.

During this year R. Ex. Comp. Fred Scott has made very good progress in the formation of a new Chapter at Burlington to be known as King David Chapter, which shows the trend of Royal Arch Masonry in the Hamilton District.

On April 12 I took a team of Royal Arch Masons from the three Chapters meeting in the Hamilton hall to McKay Chapter No. 243. Stoney Creek and there worked the Holy Royal Arch Degree on four of their candidates which was done in a very creditable manner.

In conclusion I have esteemed it a very high honour to have had the privilege of serving as Grand Superintendent and I would like to express my gratitude and appreciation to all members of Grand Chapter and to the members of Hamilton District No. 5 for their generosity and kindness shown me and who have made my term so pleasant with fraternal associations. May I bespeak for my successor the same loyal support and kindness which has been so generously extended to me.

HURON DISTRICT No. 6

R. Ex. Comp. William Russell Carmen Bradford

It is a pleasant duty and a great privilege to submit this report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Huron District No. 6.

First, I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to the Principals of this district for the signal honour they

conferred on me by electing me to the office of Grand Superintendent, and to Most Excellent Companion Bruce H. Smith for his appointment.

Second, I wish to express my grateful appreciation to Ex. Comp. C. E. Laithwaite who so kindly consented to be my secretary. Ex. Comp. Laithwaite accompanied me on all my visits and indeed has been a real pillar of support and companionship during my term of office.

Early arrangements were made for the official visits of inspection which took place as follows with degree witnessed on each occasion as indicated.

May 16—The Malloch Chapter, No. 66, Seaforth—H.R.A.
May 27—Tecumseh Chapter, No. 24, Stratford—H.R.A.
June 7—Elliott Chapter, No. 129, Mitchell—M.E.M.
June 13—St. James Chapter, No. 46, St. Marys—H.R.A.
June 15 Havelock Chapter, No. 63, Kincardine—M.M.M. (exemp.).
Sept. 20—Huron Chapter, No. 30, Goderich—M.E.M.
Oct. 4—Chantry Chapter, No. 130, Southampton—H.R.A.
Oct. 11—Lucknow Chapter, No. 147, Lucknow—H.R.A.
Oct. 18—Lebanon Chapter, No. 84, Wingham—M.E.M.
Nov. 1—Bernard Chapter, No. 146, Listowel—H.R.A.

On all of these official visits of inspection I was graciously and cordially received and with the dignity befitting the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal.

Some Chapters have been visited three times and it is expected that all Chapters will be visited at least twice before my term of office expires. Included among these visits are four ceremonies of installation.

Many of the Chapter officers are comparatively newly exalted Companions and many are officers as well in the Craft Lodges. Generally speaking, the calibre of the degree work was of a good quality.

There were, however, indications of some measure of difficulty being experienced by at least one, and possibly two, of the Chapters. While words of encouragement were proffered in these cases, they were also urged, at the same time, to place maximum emphasis on achieving a higher quality in the degree work. To attain this goal will be highly rewarding and is essential if Royal Arch Masonry is to flourish. The Chapters were reminded to make the fullest possible use of the various booklets made available by Grand Chapter to assist in interpreting the instructions in the work.

At all meetings I stressed the matter of membership. It was drawn to the attention of the Companions that it is one of our inherent duties and responsibilities as Royal Arch Masons to dispense assistance, light and knowledge to our less informed brethren. The Companions were urged to leave no stone unturned in their efforts to carry this responsibility and duty to satisfactory fruition. They were told that the culmination of one of the highest hopes of Grand Chapter would be more Craftsmen completing their Master Mason's degree.

During the year most Chapters participated in an interchange of visits with the guest Chapter conferring the degree. This practice was encouraged and it was recommended that a greater effort be put forth to arrange similar visits between Chapters who have not heretofore experienced such a visit one with the other. These visits will surely broaden the acquaintanceship of the Companions and further strengthen the bonds of friendship. At the same time the spirit of the officers is sparked to greater proficiency. The larger attendance accompanying these meetings is highly stimulating to the officers.

To this end it is my humble opinion that the formation of a Principals' Association in Huron District is urgently needed and could prove to be most beneficial.

As I scan the summaries of information of each Chapter in this district for the year ending December 31, 1960, it is encouraging to note a

ten per cent reduction in the amount of outstanding dues, but it is rather disturbing to note a substantial drop in total membership. If Capitular Masonry is to continue to grow and prosper it is quite obvious that a greater effort is needed on the part of every Companion towards the fulfillment of his duty and responsibility to Grand Chapter.

Some may view this report as revealing many bleak spots but there are many bright spots in Huron District. There is ample material in the quarries. Royal Arch Masonry, thanks to our forebears, has a solid foundation in this district, but the builders must go to work.

I was greatly honored to have the privilege of presenting the 25-year P.Z. jewel to Ex. Comp. William Kidnew in May, 1960, on the occasion of my visit of inspection to Tecumseh Chapter No. 24. This meeting was preceded by a banquet honoring the 25-year Past Z's of this Chapter.

The District Divine Service was held at 7.30 p.m. Sunday, September 18, in Knox Presbyterian Church, Goderich. Bro. Rev. Robert G. MacMillan delivered an inspiring sermon, taking for his text the Book of Ruth, chapter 4, verses 1-10. His message was greatly appreciated by the Companions and their ladies. A social hour of fellowship was enjoyed in the church hall at the conclusion of the service. The large attendance of more than ninety Companions was most gratifying and especially heartwarming. It was indeed a genuine manifestation of the interest of the Companions of Huron District in the importance of Royal Arch Masonry in the Masonic System.

In conclusion I wish to make humble acknowledgement with profound appreciation the many acts of kindness and expressions of goodwill extended to me by the Companions while acting in the discharge of my duties as the representative of Most Ex. Comp. B. H. Smith in Huron District. I shall long cherish in my memory the signal honour bestowed upon me in having the opportunity of serving this august body as Grand Superintendent.

To my successor I extend my congratulations and wish for him as rewarding a year as this one has been for me.

"He hath showed thee, O man, what is good: and what doth the Lord require of Thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?"

NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 7

Rt. Ex. Comp. Frank R. Martin

As my term of office as Grand Superintendent of Niagara District No. 7 nears its completion it is my pleasant duty to submit a report of the progress and condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Niagara District. May I express my sincere thanks and appreciation for the honour conferred on McCallum Chapter No. 29 and myself on being elected by the past and present Principles of Niagara District No. 7 to the office of Grand Superintendent and to Most Excellent Comp. Bruce H. Smith in confirming my election. My first duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Reg. S. Ash as secretary, to whom I extend my sincere thanks for the efficient manner he performed those duties and his loyal support. He accompanied me on all my visits and would like to extend my thanks to V. Ex. Comp. Rev. E. C. McCullagh who acted as District Chaplain for his assistance and guidance. He accompanied me on all of my visits. My inspection visits were as follows:

Oct. 3—Grimsby Chapter, No. 69, Grimsby.
Oct. 6—King Hiram Chapter, No. 57, Port Colborne.
Oct. 11—Hugh Murray Chapter, No. 184, Fort Erie.
Oct. 14—Mount Moriah Chapter, No. 19, St. Catharines.
Oct. 21—Mount Nebo Chapter, No. 76, Niagara Falls.
Oct. 24—Smithville Chapter, No. 240, Smithville.
Nov. 4—Niagara Chapter, No. 55, Niagara-on-the-Lake.

Nov. 21—McCallum Chapter, No. 29, Dunnville.
Dec. 7—Wilson Chapter, No. 64, Welland.

I received a warm welcome in each Chapter as the representative of the Grand First Principal and the loyalty towards Grand Chapter was expressed by all the Companions. Each Chapter conferred degrees on our official visits with the exception of three Chapters, and they conferred degrees at a later date when we witnessed degrees conferred. At all these inspections some portion of the work was exemplified and I was pleased to report that the work on all occasions was of a high calibre, making it very impressive to the candidate. A District Divine Service was held on Sunday evening, October 16, in St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Welland. The speaker, V. Ex. Comp. Rev. E. C. McCullagh, gave a very inspiring message. There was a good attendance of officers and Companions of the District. On November 8 Rt. Ex. Comp. Krick and myself journeyed to Fort Erie where I had the honour of representing the Grand First Principal in presenting Rt. Ex. Comp. John A. Bell with his 25-year Past Principal's jewel.

In conclusion I wish to thank all Principals, Past Principals and Scribe E. of the District who gave so generously of their support and co-operation which has meant so much to me, and I wish for my successor the same full measure of fellowship and co-operation that I have enjoyed in what I consider the happiest and brightest year in my Masonic career and I pledge to him my fullest and heartiest support.

TORONTO DISTRICT No. 8

R. Ex. Comp. William Holywell

As my term of office as Grand Superintendent draws to a close my thoughts turn back to April, 1960, when I was elected to this high office and to the confirmation of the same by Most Excellent Comp. Bruce Smith.

To the Principals and past Principals who made this possible I extend my sincere thanks and hope that the ensuing months have done nothing to make them regret their choice.

It was indeed my very good fortune to have Ex. Comp. Gordon McConnell accept the office of secretary and not withstanding his many Masonic interests he has filled this office with dignity and distinction and has been a tower of strength to me in the carrying out of my duties.

On May 30 I attended a meeting of the ruling Principals of District No. 8. At this meeting I was introduced by R. Ex. Comp. F. Welham. Many items of interest were discussed and other meetings arranged, all of which helped in no small way to build up a program for the weeks that followed.

As the representative of the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal it was my very pleasant duty to inspect the work of the officers and Chapter records. Without exception I was received in a most courteous and dignified manner. The Chapters inspected are as follows:

May 19—Aurora Chapter, No. 235, Aurora.
Oct. 3—The St. Andrew and St. John Chapter, No. 4, Toronto.
Oct. 4—University Chapter, No. 241, Toronto.
Oct. 5—Victoria Chapter, No. 205, Thornhill.
Oct. 6—Tyrian Chapter, No. 258, Stouffville.
Oct. 12—Beaver Chapter, No. 225, Toronto.
Oct. 13—Succoth Chapter, No. 135, Uxbridge.
Oct. 21—The St. Patricks Chapter, No. 145, Toronto.
Oct. 26—Orient Chapter, No. 79, Toronto.
Oct. 27—King Solomon Chapter, No. 8, Toronto.
Nov. 7—The Beaches Chapter, No. 163, Toronto.
Nov. 9—St. Pauls Chapter, No. 15, Toronto.
Nov. 11—York Chapter, No. 62, Toronto.

Nov. 25—The St. Albans Chapter, No. 217, Toronto.

The working of the degrees by these Chapters was of the highest calibre and reflects on the officers concerned. Chapters were opened on time and the Companions on the way home at a reasonable hour.

Three schools of instruction were held and well attended. They were sponsored by Tyrian Chapter (R.A.M.), Succoth Chapter (M.E.M.), and The Beaches Chapter (M.M.). I would like at this time to thank all who assisted in this effort and in particular V. Ex. Comp. James Turnbull for the assistance given during the question and answer period.

During my term of office it has been my privilege and pleasure to attend many gatherings in connection with our Royal Craft, amongst which the churches services of the two Toronto Districts stand out.

In conjunction with R. Ex. Comp. A. Sharpe of District 8A services were held in Leaside United Church October 30 and on November 13 services were held in St. Luke's Anglican Church, East York, both of which were well attended. It is a tribute to Districts 8 and 8A that so many Companions attended both services. To R. Ex. Comp. Sharpe I extend my sincere thanks

Installations this year were of a very high calibre from the point of view of the enthusiasm displayed and the younger men who have been elevated to the higher offices in the different Chapters. While the membership in this district may show little change from last year, yet there is being generated a spirit that has seldom been seen in Royal Arch Masonry.

My term of office has been one of pleasure and also one of joy. In the course of my duties I have made many new friends and met many old ones. It was my good fortune to be present at the dedication ceremony held in Espanola Chapter. This was attended by M. Ex. Comp. Bruce Smith and many Grand Chapter officers. It was also my privilege to be present at the original dedication a few years ago. May I say at this time that the progress made by this Chapter should be a lesson to all Royal Arch Masons. In the course of my duties I have attended almost eighty meetings in connection with the Royal Craft and the Great Jehovah being willing I hope to be able before our Convocation in April to visit each Chapter again at least once more.

To Most Ex. Comp. M. Searle, Most Ex. Comp. J. House, R. Ex. Comp. R .Lewis and the Grand Chapter officers, the Principals and past Principals and the Companions who attended and supported me in my visits of inspection and installations, my sincere thanks. To the officers and Companions of my own Chapter, King Solomons, who by their unwavering support gave me the incentive to carry on, I also express my thanks and wish for my successor the same help and accord which has been given to me.

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT 8A

R. Ex. Comp. Arthur E. Sharpe

In presenting my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry for Toronto District 8A may I first convey to the Principals past and present my sincere thanks and appreciation for the honour they conferred upon me and through me on Lebanon Chapter, No. 220, in elevating me to the high office of Grand Superintendent. I also convey to Most Excellent Companion Bruce H. Smith my most humble thanks in confirming my election.

My first pleasant duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Gordon H. Horner as my secretary. He accompanied me on all my official visits and has been of great assistance throughout the year. His friendship, co-operation and untiring efforts have been greatly appreciated and to him I extend my thanks.

A District meeting was held on May 19, 1960, at the Masonic

Temple, Lambton Mills, with all the Chapters of the District represented. Instruction was given on those points which Grand Chapter had requested, that the Grand Superintendent bring to the attention of Constituent Chapters and arrangements were made for the official visits and schools of instruction. All visits were made as planned and at every Chapter I was graciously and cordially received and with dignity that should be accorded the representative of the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal.

Degree work was conferred on each of the thirteen visits and exemplified on one occasion. It would be very pleasant to comment on the work of the individual Chapters, but my remarks must of necessity be of a more general nature. From the very effective and efficient manner in which the work was conducted it was evident that those who were privileged to take part in the work had expended a great deal of time and effort in making themselves proficient. The very few deviations from the work as laid down by Grand Chapter were due to over-anxiety to be perfect or to paying insufficient attention to instructions contained in the Manual of Instructions and/or printed in italics in the work.

My secretary, Ex. Comp. Gordon H. Horner, had a very good report to hand me on the books of the fourteen Chapters in the District. His task was made lighter by the excellent records being kept and the assistance given him by the Scribe E. and treasurer of each Chapter.

On October 19, 1960, a school of instruction in the Holy Royal Arch Degree was held at Lebanon Chapter, No. 220. The degree was conferred by the officers and past Principals of the Chapters in a most impressive manner. After the conferring of the degree explanation and instruction of various parts of the degree were given.

Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, offered their Chapter room as host Chapter for a school of instruction on the M.M.M. Degree which was held on February 7. The officers and past Principals of Shekinah Chapter No. 138, conferred the degree in a most impressive manner.

A school of instruction for the M.E.M. degree will be held on March 15, 1961, when King Cyrus Chapter, No. 232, have graciously made their Chapter available, on which occasion the Principals of the District will confer the degree.

A District Divine Service was held in Leaside United Church, Leaside, on October 30, 1960. Bro. the Rev. Charles C. Murray delivered a sermon, "What Masonry Has Meant To Me," which was greatly appreciated by the large attendance of Companions and their ladies.

Some of the interesting events of the year are as follows:

Attended Humber Chapter, No. 246, on April 18 when V. Ex. Comp. Robert Cruise was invested with his regalia of Grand Steward, then on April 26 at Port Credit Chapter, No. 230, when V. Ex. Comp. Roy Young was invested with his regalia of Grand Steward.

On invitation, visited Mimico Chapter, No. 215, on May 5 and on behalf of the M. Ex. the Grand First Principal invested V. Ex. Comp. George Ostrander as Grand Steward.

On May 13 Occident Chapter, No. 77, held a past Principals' night and it was a distinct pleasure to present V. Ex. Comp. Harold Smith with 25-year Past Principal's jewel.

One June 27 I attended Centennial Chapter, No. 260, at Streetsville, when M.E. Comp. Maurice A. Searle was presented with an honorary membership in that Chapter.

When I visited Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 212, on October 4, 1960, on the occasion of my official visit it was a distinct pleasure to witness the investiture of V. Ex. Comp. Abraham Fox as Grand Steward by V. Ex. Comp. Henry R. Fox.

A highlight of the year was on January 23, 1961, when R. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Emmett. on behalf of the Supreme Grand Chapter of Vic-

toria, Australia, presented the Centennial Chapter, No. 260, with a ceremonial baton to commemorate one hundred years of Capitular Masonry in Ontario, and of further evidence of the cordial relationship existing between the Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria and our own Grand Chapter.

On February 23, 1961, reception was held by the two Toronto Districts for M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith at King Solomon Chapter No. 8. The ruling Principals for 1960 and 1961 of both Districts together with other Companions were in attendance. The fraternal spirit prevailing throughout the evening made the event a grand success.

I had the pleasure to visit Toronto East District No. 8 on the occasion of Grand Chapter Nights held during the years as follows:

May 11—Beaver Chapter, No. 225.

Oct. 3—Beaches Chapter, No. 163.

Nov. 18—The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145.

And it was a distinct pleasure to attend their District Divine Service at St. Luke's Anglican Church on Sunday evening, November 13, 1960. Canon A. J. Jackson, M.A., conducted the service and delivered a very impressive sermon that was appreciated by the Companions and their ladies.

While the District shows a decrease in membership caused mainly by the death of older Companions, the prospects of Capitular Masonry in the District looks particularly good. In all Chapters the enthusiasm of officers and Companions has become outstanding and this is creating more interest in each individual Chapter, which is evident by the increased visitations to other Chapters and Craft Lodges in the District. This increased interest and enthusiasm, if continued, will no doubt influence any increase in membership for future years as the Companions desire to share the companionship of Capitular Masonry with their Craft brethren.

It has indeed been a pleasure to have been associated with R. Ex. Comp. William Holywell, Grand Superintendent of Toronto East District No. 8.

I have visited each Chapter at least twice and feel that I can report that Capitular Masonry has a very bright future in Toronto West District No. 8A.

To those Companions who by their kindness, co-operation and assistance have made this a memorable year and to all Companions who so kindly accompanied me on the occasion of my official visits I offer my sincere thanks.

To my successor I extend my sincere congratulations and pledge him wholehearted support. On his behalf I would request that the District offer him the same warm co-operation that I had the privilege to experience.

Finally, to M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith I voice my appreciation for the honour of serving as his representative in Toronto West District 8A and trust that he will be spared for many years to give his counsel and assistance to our Grand Chapter.

GEORGIAN DISTRIST No. 9

Rt. Ex. Comp. J. G. Cruickshank

The presentation of my report covering the past term is a pleasant duty which impresses on my mind the honour my Companions have bestowed on me and the confidence implied by the Most Excellent the Grand Z. Bruce H. Smith in confirming my election.

I am particularly indebted to Ex. Comp. A. J. McMeekin, who has been a most efficient secretary, and Ex.Comp. D. Low, who, in a faithful and sincere manner carried out the duties of District Chaplain.

My thanks also go to the officers and Companions of Manitou Chapter, No. 27, of Collingwood for their invitation to hold a District

meeting at their regular Convocation on Wednesday, May 25. Each Chapter of the District was well represented at this meeting and various items of business pertaining to the district were discussed as well as arranging the dates of my official visits to the Chapters.

I also wish to thank Most Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle for his patience and guidance in the performance of my duties as Grand Superintendent.

My official visits were as follows:

Oct. 11, 1960—Signet Chapter, No. 34, Barrie.
Oct. 14, 1960—Couchiching Chapter, No. 198, Orillia.
Nov. 15, 1960—Georgian Chapter, No. 56, Owen Sound.
Jan. 13, 1961—Amabel No. 131, Wiarton.
Jan. 25, 1961—Manitou Chapter, No. 27, Collingwood.
Feb. 13, 1961—Kichikewana Chapter, No. 167, Midland.

My reception at these visits was warm and friendly. A degree was exemplified at every one in a very efficient and sincere manner. The furniture and regalia of every Chapter is in good condition and a splendid spirit of co-operation exists among the Companions. At these meetings I discussed the importance of increasing membership and of holding our present members by correcting the causes of demits and suspensions, also the importance of having short and interesting meetings with as many of the Companions as possible taking some part in the work of the degrees. I regret to say that my early plans for Chapters of instruction did not materialize. However, I am looking forward to taking part in these in the near future.

On July 26, accompanied by several Companions of Georgian Chapter, I attended the initial meeting of Seguin Chapter U.D. at Parry Sound where, through the untiring efforts of Ex. Comp. Lorne Jackson, a new Chapter has been formed. This was a very inspiring meeting, with ten charter members present who, with the help of Rt. Ex. Comp. B. Lamble and other Companions of Couchiching Chapter, appointed a slate of officers to carry on the work of the Chapter until a charter is granted by Grand Chapter. At the time of this report they have received a total of eighteen candidates, which is one of the greatest boosts to Georgian District for many years, and I take this opportunity to congratulate all the Companions who worked so hard to make this project a success.

In conclusion may I once again thank those who assisted me during my term of office and to my successor may I say that you will find Royal Arch Masonry in Georgian District in a very healthy condition with prospects for a wonderful future.

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 10

Rt. Ex. Comp. William Baker

It is with a great deal of pleasure that I submit my report on the condition of Capitular Masonry in Ontario District No. 10, but first I would convey to all Companions of the Disrict my deep appreciation for the signal honour bestowed upon me and St. Johns Chapter for having elected me to the high office of Grand Superintendent of this District.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to Most Excellent Companion Bruce H. Smith, Grand First Principal, for his confirmation of my appointment.

My first pleasant duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. Jack Kernaghan of St. Johns Chapter, No. 48, as my secretary. He accompanied me on all my visits, both fraternal and inspection. To him I would extend my sincere thanks for his valuable assistance, his loyal support and his willing co-operation throughout the year.

Following is a list of the Chapters in this District and the dates on which they were officially inspected:

May 25—Corinthian Chapter, No. 36, Peterborough.
June 7—Pentalpha Chapter, No. 28, Oshawa.

Sept. 19—Ionic Chapter, No. 168, Campbellford.
Oct. 7—Excelsior Chapter, No. 45, Colborne.
Oct 12—Warkworth Chapter, No. 110, Warkworth.
Oct. 14—Victoria Chapter, No. 37, Port Hope.
Oct. 17—Palestine Chapter, No. 249, Bowmanville.
Oct. 19—King Darius Chapter, No. 134, Cannington.
Oct. 20—Midland Chapter, No. 84, Lindsay.
Oct. 25—St. Johns Chapter, No. 48, Cobourg.
Nov. 14—Keystone Chapter, No. 35, Whitby.

All Chapters were visited at least twice and it is my pleasant duty to report that on all occasions I was most cordially and respectifully received as the representative of the Grand First Principal.

During my fraternal visits I was so favorably impressed with the quality of the work throughout the District that I did not deem it necessary to hold a Chapter of Instruction.

On practically all my visits I spoke on the importance of new members and the hope that the incoming First Principal would appoint a strong and active Membership Committee. This not only for the purpose of obtaining new members but to endeavor to contact those who had become inactive or delinquent and try to bring them back into the fold.

Due to previous commitments neither my secretary or myself were able to take advantage of an invitation extended to us by the Corinthian Chapter to attend their annual picnic held at Young's Point.

On October 1 I attended an International Day held by Corinthian Chapter. In all, twenty-two candidates received the three degrees of the Holy Royal Arch. Among those present was a goodly number from Summit Triangle Chapter, No. 307, Eggertsville, New York. Practically all the Chapters in this District were represented.

At this Convocation I was received with dignity and respect as the representative of the Grand First Principal.

On November 5, accompanied by my wife, I attended a social evening at Oshawa. The invitation was extended by Pentalpha Chapter and a very pleasant evening was spent.

With the coming of the New Year I attended several installation ceremonies and was greatly impressed with the manner in which they were conducted.

It was gratifying to find that the books of the Scribes E and the treasurers in all Chapters were well kept and in good order.

To all the Ex. First Principals and Scribes E and all the officers and Companions of the various Chapters I wish to extend my sincere thanks for their courtesy and loyal support. The past year is one that I will long remember because it has been my pleasure to make many new friends.

To my successor I extend my very best wishes for a very good year and I would ask for him the continued co-operation and support that I have enjoyed.

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT No. 11

R. Ex. Comp. Delmer Huff

May I first express my sincere thanks to the Principals, both present and past, of Prince Edward Chapter, No. 31, to the Principals, present and past, and representatives of other Chapters who attended Grand Chapter at Toronto last April for electing me to the high office of Grand Superintendent.

To Most Excellent Comp. Bruce H. Smith my sincerest thanks for confirming this election.

On my return from Grand Chapter I appointed Ex. Comp. Harry Alder as my secretary. He accompanied me on all my visits both official and unofficial and very capably discharged his duties by examining the books and records of the various Chapters and reporting to me. For his

loyal co-operation throughout the year my gratitude.

On April 21 I had the pleasure of attending Mount Sinai Chapter, No. 44, at their ladies' night.

One of my first duties of the year was at my Mother Chapter, Prince Edward, No. 31, when I presented Very Ex. Comp. E. A. Pearce with a 50-year jewel, who in return spoke briefly on the changes fifty years have brought to Royal Arch Masonry.

My first official meeting was a Chapter of Instruction which was held at Belleville May 27 on the invitation of the Principals' Association to hold it in conjunction with their regular meeting. To this meeting I invited the three Principals and the Principal Sojourner of each Chapter. From this invitation a good representation of all Chapters attended. We were honoured by the presence of Most Ex. Comp. Bruce Smith and Rt. Ex. Comp. Reg. Lewis. I passed on the instruction I received at Grand Chapter. Many points of interest were brought forward and discussed. Rt. Ex. Comp. Reg. Lewis gave further instructions on degree work and an educational talk on Royal Arch Masonry.

After this meeting I drew up and mailed to the various Chapters of the District the schedule of my official visits:

June 15—Mount Sinai, No. 44, Napanee.
Sept. 20—Presqu'ile, No. 144, Brighton.
Sept. 26—Madoc, No. 161, Madoc.
Oct. 18—St. Marks, No. 26, Trenton.
Oct. 27—Keystone, No. 72, Stirling.
Nov. 1—Moira, No. 7, Belleville.
Nov. 14—Quinte Friendship, No. 227, Belleville.
Nov. 21—Prince Edward, No. 31, Picton.
Sept. 18—District Divine Service, United Church, Picton.

June 11—Quinte Friendship Chapter, Belleville, entertained St. Georges Chapter, London, Ontario. This is a fraternal visit, alternating yearly. The Royal Arch Degree was very efficiently conferred by St. Georges Chapter. Most Ex. Comp. Bruce Smith. Rt. Ex. Comp. Reg. Lewis and other Grand Chapter officers were present.

September 18—District Divine Service was held in Picton United Church. A good representation of most Chapters was there.

September 21—Prince Edward Chapter paid a fraternal visit to Mount Sinai Chapter, Napanee, and conferred the M.E.M. degree. Prince Edward Chapter was presented with the travelling triangle.

October 17—Quinte Friendship Chapter, Belleville, held a Grand Chapter night at Belleville when Most Ex. Comp. Bruce Smith, Most Ex. Comp. Maurice Searle, Rt. Ex. Comp. Reg. Lewis, Rt. Ex. Comp. Charles Emmett and other present and past Grand Chapter officers conferred a Royal Arch degree.

November 18—The St. Patrick Chapter, No. 145, held a Grand Chapter night at Toronto with Most Ex. Comp. Bruce Smith, Most Ex. Comp. Maurice Searle, Rt. Ex. Comp. Charles Emmett, Rt. Ex. Comp. Reg. Lewis and many other Grand Chapter officers were present. A Royal Arch degree was conferred by Grand Chapter officers. Most Ex. Comp. Bruce Smith was presented with an honorary membership.

November 28—Prince Edward Chapter paid a fraternal visit to Madoc Chapter, conferring a M.E.M. degree and leaving the travelling triangle.

December 19—Prince Edward Chapter, Picton, on their election night had Rt. Ex. Comp. Reg. Lewis conduct a Chapter of Instruction. He clarified many points of interest on degree work and Royal Arch Masonry. Most Ex. Comp. Bruce Smith was present at this Convocation.

December 20—Presqu'ile Chapter, Brighton, held a ladies' night at Brighton. It was also their election night, at which time Most Ex. Comp. Bruce Smith was presented with an honorary membership.

January 9—Quinte Friendship Chapter, No. 227, was host to Moira Chapter, No. 7, for a joint installation of officers for 1961, Most Ex. Comp. Bruce Smith acting as installing officer. Rt. Ex. Comp. Reg. Lewis was presented with an honorary membership at this time by Quinte Friendship Chapter.

January 18—On installation night at Mount Sinai Chapter, Most Ex. Comp. Bruce Smith was presented with an honorary membership.

February 20—Most Ex. Comp. Bruce Smith paid an official visit to Prince Edward Chapter. Rt. Ex. Comp. Reg. Lewis, Rt. Ex. Comp. William Baker, Grand Superintendent of District No. 10, were present as well as a good representation of the other Chapters of the District. Most Ex. Comp. Bruce Smith was presented with an honorary membership.

I had the pleasure of being present on each of these occasions.

I have visited each Chapter of the District at least twice and some three times. On all occasions I was properly received with dignity befitting the representative of the Most Ex. the Grand First Principal.

I was present at most installation ceremonies, taking part in two of them. On each of my visits there was a good membership attendance. Although we had a good increase in admissions in the District it was offset by deaths, demits and suspensions. In spite of this unfortunate situation a spirit of enthusiasm was ever present, and I feel that Royal Arch Masonry in this District will forge ahead to a new high.

It was my ambition to further the progress of Capitular Masonry in Prince Edward District and to promote more fraternal visiting among the Chapters of the District.

I most heartily thank the First Principal and officers of each Chapter for the co-operation and assistance received during my term of office and all Grand Chapter officers of whom I have felt free to ask advice.

I trust the same support will be given my successor.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 12

Rt. Ex. Comp. James A. Greer

It gives me much pleasure to submit my report on the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in St. Lawrence District No. 12.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to the Companions of the District for the honour they conferred on me as well as on Sussex-St. Lawrence Chapter, No. 59, in electing me Grand Superintendent. To Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith my sincere thanks for his kindness in confirming my election.

My first pleasant duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. James G. Ruston as secretary. He accompanied me on all of my official visits and discharged his duties in a most efficient manner. To him I extend my appreciation for his assistance and companionship throughout my term of office.

My second official act was to send a letter to each Chapter in the District advising them of my election, the proposed date of my official visit for approval and requesting that a copy of their summons be sent to me each month.

On May 15 Ex. Comp. Ruston and I attended a church service in the Presbyterian Church at Kemptville, which was well attended. Much credit is due Maitland Chapter, No. 68, for the success of their annual church service

The District Divine Service was held on Sunday, September 25, at 11 a.m. in St. John's United Church, Brockville. The service was conducted by the pastor, Rev. M. A. Rowland, B.A., B.D. He preached an inspiring sermon, taking for his text the theme, "Is Decency Enough?" It was my privilege to read the lesson at this service. Due to other activities in the District the attendance was only fair. I feel that each Chapter should make a special effort to be represented at the District Divine Service.

The schedule for my official visits was as follows:

Sept. 19—St. Johns, No. 112, Morrisburg.
Sept. 27—Leeds, No. 132, Gananoque.
Oct. 11—Grenville, No. 22, Prescott.
Oct. 19—Covenant, No. 113, Cornwall.
Nov. 7—Sussex-St. Lawrence, No. 59, Brockville.
Nov. 10—Maitland, No. 68, Kemptville.
Nov. 18—Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, Kingston.

On all of my official visits I was received most cordially. An atmosphere of friendly fraternal fellowship prevailed at all times. This, I felt, showed great respect to the Most Ex. First Principal and to Grand Chapter.

On four of my visits one of the degrees was conferred in excellent form. I have seen very fine work done in the other three Chapters on various occasions. There is excellent officer material in the District and each Chapter can confer any degree in a satisfactory manner.

On October 1 it was my pleasure to attend International Night at Massena, N.Y. The Grand First Principal M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith and the Grand Lecturer Rt. Ex. Comp. Reg. J. Lewis were present as well as many Royal Arch dignitaries from different parts of the States.

I was honoured on that occasion by being asked to propose the toast to the President of the United States.

This is an outstanding annual Masonic event which will be held in Cornwall next year. It proves that the bond of international friendship which has existed between Canada and the United States for over 140-odd years grows stronger each year. This bond of friendship and goodwill is something for many countries in the world today to emulate.

On October 26 I was requested by the Grand First Principal to present three 25-year Past Principals' jewels to Ex. Companions Percy E. Fretwell, James E. Schlichter and Robert Simpson of Grenville Chapter, No. 22, Prescott. Owing to the ill health of these Companions, Ex. Comp. Whitney of Grenville Chapter accompanied me to each of their homes where the jewel was presented and an hour was spent in pleasant conversation.

I was present at the installation of officers at Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui, No. 1, Kingston. The ceremony was carried out in flawless manner, for his first attempt, by Ex. Comp. D. Shepherd. Later in the banquet hall Comp. J. R. Radford of Brockville, who has travelled widely in many English-speaking countries, gave a most interesting address, illustrated with beautiful pictures of Scotland and the British Isles.

On each of my official visits I endeavored to emphasize those principles which we as Masons profess to believe and support, for a Mason is judged by his speech and conduct. Masonry faces a great challenge today in assisting the free world in its fight against Communism. Masonry should not be confined to the lodge room but practiced in our daily lives and throughout the world where human kindness and honesty are so much needed.

Royal Arch Masonry is in a healthy condition in St. Lawrence District. Applications are coming in, officers are interested and efficient and although deaths and withdrawals slightly outnumbered new members this year the future should be encouraging.

To my successor I extend heartiest congratulations and trust that the Companions of the District will give him the same support, co-operation and kindness that I have enjoyed.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation to the First Principals and the Scribes E. of the Chapters for their assistance and co-operation. I also want to thank all the Companions for their kindness and support during my term of office. It has been a pleasant experience, the memory of which I shall always treasure, and I am most grateful for the privilege and honour of serving as Grand Superintendent.

OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 13

R. Ex. Comp. Edgar A. H. Shane

During the past year my knowledge of Royal Arch Masonry and of Royal Arch Masons has been broadened as only a Grand Superintendent can appreciate. I am deeply grateful to the Companions of Ottawa District No. 13 for recommending my appointment to the office of Grand Superintendent and to Most Excellent Companion Bruce H. Smith for his approval and confirmation thereof.

Excellent Companion J. S. H. Taylor, who graciously accepted the office of District Secretary, is well skilled in all branches of Masonry. The manner in which he performed his duties on the occasions of my official visits has left nothing to be desired. I am greatly indebted to him and to many other Companions of all ranks, who must remain unnamed, for their invaluable advice, assistance, moral support and encouragement.

I have found Most Excellent Companion Maurice A. Searle to be most co-operative. His prompt and complete replies to my several inquiries have been very helpful. Right Excellent Companion Reg. J. Lewis took time out from a busy schedule to come to Ottawa on June 29 and preside at a Chapter of Instruction. The beneficial results of that exceedingly instructive evening were quite evident during my subsequent visits to the various Chapters in the District.

My official visits were as follows:

Sept. 15—Laurentian, No. 151, Pembroke.
Sept. 16—St. Francis, No. 133, Smiths Falls.
Sept. 23—Glengarry, No. 143, Maxville.
Oct. 7—St. John's, No. 148, Vankleek Hill.
Oct. 13—Granite, No. 61, Almonte.
Oct. 17—Bonnechere, No. 114, Renfrew.
Oct. 20—Prince of Wales, No. 226, Perth.
Oct. 27—Ottawa, No. 222, Ottawa.
Nov. 2—Maple, No. 116, Carleton Place.
Nov. 4—Kitchener, No. 210, Russell.
Nov. 7—Dochert, No. 248, Arnprior.
Nov. 16—Carleton, No. 16, Ottawa.

On each occasion I was received with that dignity, warmth and friendliness which is so characteristic of Royal Arch Masonry throughout the District. I found the officers to be proficient in their duties and the side benchers attentive and interested in the work, all of which added much to impress the candidates with the solemnity of the occasion. On each visit I emphasized the importance of bringing in new members, retaining the interest and enthusiasm of present members and reawakening the interest of demitted and suspended members. I also endeavored to impress the importance of uniformity of the work and of the necessity of solemnity when the work is being put on.

One of the hightlights of my year as Grand Superintendent of the Ottawa District was the centennial of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa. The celebrations commenced on Sunday evening, May 15, with Divine Service held at St. Matthew's Anglican Church. There was an excellent representation of Grand Chapter officers and Companions of all ranks present. The first lesson was read by M. Wor. Bro. and M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario. The second lesson was read by M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith, Grand First Principal of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario. The sermon was preached by R. Ex. Comp. Canon L. F. Crothers, Past Grand Chaplain.

An historic and unique Convocation of the Chapter was held on Monday, May 16, in the Masonic Temple when M. Wor. Bro. and M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts was received by the Grand Council. Many distinguished Companions from the District and other jurisdictions were in attendance at

this Convocation, also the Grand First Principal and the Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio, U.S.A. Honorary membership certificates were presented to M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith and M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle. A volume of the Sacred Law, suitably inscribed, was presented to the Chapter by the Past Principals and officers of Carleton Chapter as a memorial to R. Ex. Comp. Fergus A. McDiarmid. The celebrations of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, ended on Tuesday evening, May 17, with a dinner and dance held in the ballroom of the Chateau Laurier Hotel. The Grand Master and the Grand Council once again honoured Carleton Chapter with their presence.

I had the honor of presiding as installing Z. at the installation of officers of Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa, Ottawa Chapter, No. 222, Ottawa, and Dochert Chapter, No. 248, Arnprior, Ontario.

On Sunday, May 29, I attended an inspiring Divine Service with the Companions of St. Francis Chapter, No. 133, at St. John's Anglican Church, Smiths Falls, Ont. The attendance at this service and the manner in which it was conducted is an excellent indication of the good work being done by the Royal Arch Masons of Smiths Falls.

Of particular interest is the progress that has been made at Dochert Chapter, No. 248, Arnprior. This Chapter was re-activated in January, 1960, and is on the road to complete recovery. Four candidates received their Royal Arch degree last November and all elective offices have been filled for 1961. The officers are keen and my successor's report should indicate substantial gains. The rejuvenation of this Chapter has been due to the combined efforts of a few active members assisted by officers and members from other Chapters in the District who continue to lend their support by attending and exemplifying the degrees. Much credit is also due to the Principals' Association.

In closing may I again thank the Companions throughout the district for the wonderful manner in which I was received, both on my official visits and on other less formal occasions. My only regret is that due to the distance involved I was not able to visit each Chapter at least twice. It is superfluous to ask the Companions in Ottawa District, No. 13, to give their full support to my successor. I know that he is assured of it.

ALGOMA DISTRIST No. 14

Rt. Ex. Comp. S. R. L. Newman

As my term of office as Grand Superintendent of Algoma District No. 14 is drawing to a close I am pleased to submit my report. I would like to thank the Companions of this District for electing me to this office and Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith for confirming my election.

My first pleasant duty was to appoint Ex. Comp. T. Simpson as my secretary. He accompanied me on most of my visits. His keen interest and great knowledge of Masonry, along with his genial manner, made him an excellent person for that position.

All Chapters in the District were visited once and most of them twice. I would have liked to have visited them oftener, but the great distances in this part of the province made it impossible. The following is a list of my official visits:

June 14—Alberton Chapter, No. 152, Fort Frances.
Sept. 21—Shuniah Chapter, No. 82, Port Arthur.
Sept. 24—Quetico Chapter, No. 259, Atikokan.
Sept. 28—Golden Chapter, No. 90, Kenora.
Oct. 3—Fort William Chapter, No. 140, Fort William.
Oct. 17—Golden Star Chapter, No. 254, Dryden.
Oct. 20—Atwood Chapter, No. 149, Rainy River.

During my term of office I witnessed degrees being conferred in all Chapters of the District. In all cases they were impressive, dignified and

of high standard. It was evident that most of those who took part in the degree work had spent a great deal of time in improving their proficiency. The value of rehersals was quite evident.

The Chapters are generally financially sound. Arrears of dues are approximately the same as a year ago, although many showed a slight increase. It is hoped that a greater effort will be made to reduce the amount next year. On all visits the books were examined and the Scribes E. are to be congratulated on their care and neatness. I would also like to express my appreciation to them for the promptness with which they replied to my correspondence.

I am pleased to be able to report an increase in membership for the year. There was a net increase of 13 members. Three Chapters showed losses and it is felt that all of these are capable of showing gains next year. One Chapter, namely, Golden Star, Dryden, deserves special commendation. They had a net increase of 11 members. Ex. Comp. W. S. Shaver of Fort William Chapter, chairman of the Membership Committee, is doing an outstanding job. He has developed very effective methods of obtaining new members. Petitions were accepted during the year for 23 candidates. Although the number of withdrawals and deaths in the District are less than last year, the number of suspensions has increased. All Chapters have been advised to appoint strong and active membership and attendance committees. It is felt that such committees should be very effective but only if they study the problem, formulate definite plans and attempt to follow these plans. Towards this end the Chapters are studying their methods of obtaining new candidates and advising the Grand Superintendent of the ones they found most effective. He will compile a summary which will be sent to all Chapters in the District. In this way we hope that each Chapter can profit from the experiences of the others and that there will be even a greater increase in membership next year.

In conclusioin I would like to thank the officers and members of all the Chapters in the District for the warm and friendly manner in which I was received. Each visit was a wonderful experience which I will long remember. To me my term of office has been very pleasant and profitable. It is my sincere hope that I have been able to make a contribution of Royal Arch Masonary in this District. I wish for my successor the same happy experiences and co-operation which I received.

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 15

R. Ex. Comp. Alan J. Higgins

It is my pleasure to report on the state of Capitular Masonry in New Ontario District No. 15. I first wish to thank Most Excellent Companion Bruce Smith for confirming my election by the past and present Principals of this District for the office of Grand Superintendent.

To these Principals at this time I send a sincere "Thank you." It has been a high honour and a plesure to serve in this capacity.

I also wish to thank our Grand Scribe E Most Excellent Companion Maurice Searle for his many acts of kindness and assistance, his valuable counsel in planning for the dedication of our new Chapter Room. He has been a pillar of strength.

My first official act after returning from Grand Chapter was to ask Excellent Companion Norman Somerville to be the District secretary. I was very pleased when he agreed to act in this capacity and he discharged those duties most capably. To him I extend my thanks and appreciation.

Due to the distances involved a course of instruction for the Ex. Principals of the District Chapters would not have been practical. I, therefore, made at least one informal visit to each Chapter before the summer recess, a matter of approximately 750 miles.

My first inspection visit was to Algonquin Chapter, No. 102, on September 23. I chose Algonquin because Sault Ste. Marie is my birth place. It was a happy choice. The warm cordial reception did much for the new Superintendent's morale and I thoroughly enjoyed my visit. The M.M. degree was the work of the evening and Ex. Comp. Brumby and his officers were very good in their work.

At the banquet table I responded to Ex. Comp. Brumby's toast to Grand Chapter with a talk on the origin and purposes of Grand Chapter.

I next visited St. John's Chapter, No. 103, North Bay on October 6. I was accorded a gracious reception and enjoyed a most pleasant evening. The M.M.M. degree was the work of the evening and Ex. Companion Smith's officers did a splendid job. I know the candidates were impressed. I noted the active interest taken by the past Principals in the work, which augers well for the Chapter.

My response to the toast to Grand Chapter at the banquet table was a brief talk on membership and the importance of maintaining and increasing our memberships.

November 15 I visited my Mother Chapter, Espanola Chapter, No. 257. I was correctly received and welcomed. On assuming the gavel I spoke on attendance and membership. The work of the evening was the M.M.M. degree. Ex. Comp. Gillespie and Ex. Comp. Shore, assisted by their wives, provided an outstanding menu for the banquet and those who attended were very pleased indeed.

My last inspection visit was to Tuscan Chapter, No. 95, Sudbury, December 13. The warmth and pleasure with which I was received left nothing to be desired. I felt I was amongst old friends, as indeed I was. Due to an unavoidable change in my schedule there was no degree work. However, I am glad to report that on the many occasions I have visited Tuscan Chapter I have noted the excellence of their work, also the extent to which the side-benchers participated. That evening the election of officers was the work and was done very efficiently. The calibre of a Chapter's work, the interest and enthusiasm of the Companions, the overall picture of the Chapter, can be gauged by the statistics of the year. Tuscan Chapter advanced, received and exalted thirty-four candidates to the Holy Royal Arch. This is a record for Tuscan Chapter and ranks almost at the top for the whole province. It would not be right to single out individuals for particular mention, but I must say that Ex. Comp. Ernie Smith and his officers, Rt. Ex. Comp. Shute and Rt. Ex. Comp. McKee have through a program of good work, wise distribution of that work, aroused and maintained a high level of interest in Capitular Masonry. That this is so is amply reflected in the year's results.

The overall picture of Capitular Masonry in this District is good in three Chapters, only fair in the fourth and the prospects of reviving Pembroke Chapter, No. 58, is poor. The attendance of the aforementioned fourth Chapter is poor, the interest of the Companions seems to have waned. These facts will have to be faced up to, attacked with vigor and prosecuted with determination. I strongly urge the Companions of this Chapter when attending their respective Craft Lodges to dispense light and knowledge, to arouse the interest of the Companions and brethren by wearing their Royal Arch jewel. It is disconcerting and disquieting for a Grand Superintendent to go to a Craft meeting and note that at least half of those present are Royal Arch Masons of ALL ranks except Most Excellent, yet only his Royal Arch jewel is being worn.

The event of the year in District No. 15 was the dedication of the new Chapter Room at Espanola October 10. All four Chapters were represented and there were visitors from other Chapters in other Districts.

Most Excellent Companion Bruce Smith, G.Z., Most Ex. Comp.

Maurice Searle, I.P.G.Z., acting G.J., Rt. Ex. Comp. James Boucher, acting G.H., Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred Johnson, acting G.S.E., Rt. Ex. Comp. Reg. Lewis, G. Lecturer, director of ceremonies, and other Grand Chapter Officers attended and dedicated the new Chapter Room, "Agreeably to the ancient usages and custom of our order." This impressive ceremony will be remembered by all who saw it long after other memories have become dim with the years.

At the banquet table, in respose to the toast of Rt. Ex. Comp. Boucher, Most Excellent Comp. Bruce Smith gave a splendid address on the principles of Royal Arch Masonry. Most Excellent Comp. Maurice Searle's message of inspiration was received with marked attention and Rt. Ex. Comp. Fred Johnson's remarks were noted with particular interest, he being the only one present of the Grand Chapter officers who presided at the first dedication in 1953. Rt. Ex. Comp. Reg. Lewis was the last Grand Chapter officer to speak and his remarks on the Masonic way of living were received with keen interest. It is not often that the Companions of Northern Districts have the apportunity of hearing their Grand Chapter officers speak and the remarks and addresses of those officers were doubly appreciated. Other visitors also spoke and we then had the Third Principal's toast to close a highly successful evening.

To all who helped make my year a success I extend a sincere "Thank you" and may my successor enjoy the same assistance.

Let us never forget, the
"Character"
Of every Chapter is the
"Sun"
Of its own works.

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT No. 16

R. Ex. Comp. James Ralph

It gives me a great deal of pleasure in submitting to you this report of my duties during the year 1960-61. It was a very pleasant year as Grand Superintendent of Temiskaming District No. 16. I take this opportunity to express my sincere thanks to the Chapters in this District for supporting my nomination to this high office and to the Most Excellent Comp. Bruce H. Smith for his confirmation of my appointmesnt. To you, Most Excellent Companion M. A. Searle, for your guidance during the past year.

We had a very pleasant and happy visit September 17 when Most Excellent Companion Bruce H. Smith visited Northern Lights Chapter, No. 213, when all Chapters in Temiskaming District were gathered to honour our Grand Z., Bruce H. Smith, on his official visit. We also attended Divine Service at St. Matthew's Pro-Cathedral on September 18.

We also wish to express our sincere thanks to Ex. Companion A. K. Graham who so ably acted as our secretary and accompanied me on each of my visitations. My official visits as Grand Superintendent were as follows:

May 25—Kirkland Lake Chapter, No. 251, Kirkland Lake.
June 9—Temiskaming Chapter, No. 169, New Liskeard.
Sept. 28—Abitibi Chapter, No. 223, Iroquois Falls.
Oct. 19—Northern Lights Chapter, No. 213, Timmins.

On our visit to the Chapters we saw only the Mark Master and Most Excellent Master degrees put on. One Chapter had the Holy Royal Arch degree on the agenda, but four of the principal officers failed to show up. Therefore, no degree was put on.

Our observations in the Chapters during degree work were all correct; also all officers were correctly dressed and the dignity of the Chapters upheld. All furnishing and regalia in each Chapter was found to be in excellent condition.

On each of my visits we were received correctly and most graciously and in a manner befitting Royal Arch Masons.

In conclusion we would like to say we feel confident that the coming year will be a fruitful year. We would also like to thank all the Companions who accompanied me on my visits.

EXCERPTS FROM THE GRAND MASTER'S REMARKS

Most Worshipful Brother Clarence MacLeod Pitts, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Canada in the Province of Ontario, also Past Grand First Principal, voiced his special thanks for the cordial welcome he had received from Most Ex. Companion Bruce H. Smith and conveyed personal greetings and those of the 136,000 Masons in this jurisdiction. He welcomed the opportunity this Grand Convocation presented to meet those who carry the responsibility of Royal Arch Masonry in their respective Chapters and Districts.

In a most inspiring address he reminded all that Masonry is on trial in all its branches, all having many problems with solutions not easy to finalize. That Capitular Masonry, like all other branches, presented great challenges, but nevertheless our labours will be rewarded if we are faithful to our Masonic teachings. Moreover, in these days when lack of stability and morality are so rampant we must employ our lives living and demonstrating the great teachings and fundamentals which are, have and always will be the strong foundation of Masonry.

At the conclusion of his address the Grand Master received a standing ovation which he so richly deserved.

PRESENTATION OF 25-YEAR PAST PRINCIPAL'S JEWELS

Most Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith requested the Grand Master, M. Wor. Bro. Clarence MacLeod Pitts, to present jewels to M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean and M. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw. The Grand Master stated how pleased and privileged he was to make these presentations, particularly as he occupied the position of Grand Second Principal during M. Ex. Comp. Dean's term as Grand Z. and likewise when he served as Grand Z., M. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw was in office then as Grand H. The Grand Master left a profound impression upon the two participants and indeed all the Companions present.

Suitable replies were made by M. Ex. Comp. Dean and M. Ex. Comp. Bradshaw.

GRAND TREASURER'S STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

April 1, 1961

To the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

Most Excellent Grand "Z" and Companions:

I submit herewith statement of Receipts and Disbursements for the period March 1, 1960 — February 28, 1961:

GENERAL ACCOUNT

RECEIPTS

Balance—February 29, 1960		$ 9,768.77	
Received from Grand Scribe "E":			
Rebate of Executive Committee Expenses	$ 250.16		
Receipts from Chapters	20,624.11		
Grand Convocation Receipts	1,816.00		
Transfer from Life Membership Fund	2,493.90		
Transfer from Chapters' Life Membership Fund	21.00		
Interest on Investments	2,752.50		
Sales to other Grand Chapters	540.00		
Sale of History	139.53		
Refund from Grand "Z"	41.80		
		28,679.00	
			$38,447.77

DISBURSEMENTS

Grand Scribe "E" Office:			
Compensation	$3,800.00		
Assistants	4,011.45		
Rent	1,550.00		
Miscellaneous	1,185.54		
Printing:			
Proceedings	1,629.00		
General	624.32		
Travelling:			
Grand "Z"	2,500.00		
General	457.95		
Expenses:			
Grand Convocation	5,730.84		
Grand Executive	1,800.00		
Grand Historian and Reviewer	300.00		
Audit Fee	500.00		
Jewels, Medals and Engraving	1,260.39		
Masonic Library	125.00		
Canadian Masonic Research Association	50.00		
Transfer to Chapters' Life Membership Fund	1.86		
Expenses re Moving and Renovation Grand Chapter Office	1,531.77		
Printing Supplies for Re-sale	1,965.84		
Expenses Chargeable to History of Grand Chapter	105.00		
		$29,128.96	
			$29,128.96
Balance as at February 28, 1961			$ 9,318.81

VICTORY THANKSGIVING BENEVOLENT FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance—February 29, 1960		$1,981.04	
Received from Grand Scribe "E":			
Interest on Investments	$2,215.25		
Donations	61.20		
Bank Interest	41.21		
		2,317.66	
			$4,298.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Benevolent Grants	$1,660.00
Balance as at February 28, 1961	$2,638.70

GRAND CHAPTER LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance—February 29, 1960		$2,748.28	
Received from Grand Scribe "E":			
Commutations	$1,110.00		
Interest on Investments	805.00		
Bank Interest	36.05		
		1,951.05	
			$4,699.33

DISBURSEMENTS

Transferred to General Fund	$2,493.90
Balance as at February 28, 1961	$2,205.43

CHAPTERS' LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

RECEIPTS

Balance—February 29, 1960		$157.48	
Received from Grand Scribe "E":			
Bank Interest	$2.86		
Transferred from General Fund	1.86		
		4.72	
			$162.20

DISBURSEMENTS

Tranferred to General Fund	$ 21.00
Balance as at February 28, 1961	$141.20

Examined and Verified:

J. D. LEWARS, C.A.,
Auditor.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED W. DEAN, P.G.Z.,
Grand Treasurer.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Grand Treasurer be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE GRAND SCRIBE E.

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

I present herewith the Annual Report of Cash Receipts and Ledger Balance for the fiscal year ending February 28th, 1961.

ANNUAL STATEMENT

REVENUE ACCOUNT FOR THE YEAR

March 1st, 1960, to February 28th, 1961

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Balance Debit	Balance Credit
1.	Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui	$200.58		
2.	The Hiram	188.59	$0.43	
3.	St. John's, London	185.53	.82	
4.	The St. Andrew and St. John	135.05	1.29	
5.	St. George's	172.07		$1.20
6.	St. John's Hamilton	158.13	54.38	
7.	The Moira	218.68	7.98	
8.	King Solomon's	238.68		
15.	Wawanosh	183.08	.85	
16.	Carleton	615.45	16.32	
18.	Oxford	173.23	1.70	
19.	Mount Moriah	227.20	16.23	
20.	Mount Horeb	97.71	.43	
22.	Grenville	115.74	2.49	
23.	Ezra	153.33		12.00
24.	Tecumseh	224.45		
26.	St. Mark's	131.23	2.20	
27.	Manitou	122.62	3.17	
28.	Pentalpha	242.71	.75	
29.	McCallum	112.24	2.13	
30.	Huron	130.08	.85	
31.	Prince Edward	222.82		12.46
32.	Waterloo	162.01	5.98	
34.	Signet	95.89		3.00
35.	Keystone, Whitby	98.65	50.67	
36.	Corinthian	441.88	8.07	
37.	Victoria, Port Hope	144.63		1.65
40.	Guelph	219.75		.10
41.	Harris	110.88	1.28	
44.	Mount Sinai, Napanee	118.59	3.13	
45.	Excelsior	39.40		
46.	St. James	58.79	.85	
47.	Wellington	145.00		1.28
48.	St. John's, Cobourg	95.38		4.30
53.	Bruce	52.71		
54.	Palestine, St. Thomas	265.23		23.45
55.	Niagara	72.30	1.78	
56.	Georgian	77.98	2.10	
57.	King Hiram	133.81	4.25	
58.	Pembroke (Inactive)			
59.	Sussex-St. Lawrence	268.75		3.13
61.	Granite	72.41		3.42

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Balance Debit	Balance Credit
62.	York	114.41	51.43	
63.	Havelock	79.20		.43
64.	Willson	137.53		.52
65.	St. Paul's, Toronto	93.70	48.25	
66.	The Malloch	76.06	37.86	
67.	Enterprise	99.96		
68.	Maitland	86.33		8.35
69.	Grimsby	74.23		
71.	Prince of Wales, Essex	157.39		2.49
72.	Keystone, Stirling	68.23		
73.	Erie	109.35	4.70	
74.	Beaver, Strathroy	73.68		
75.	St. Clair, Milton	93.15	1.86	
76.	Mount Nebo	70.28		.82
77.	Occident	267.70	119.20	
78.	Minnewawa	133.60		9.53
79.	Orient	101.81	7.65	
80.	Ark	231.15	.85	
81.	Aylmer	110.78		.43
82.	Shuniah	282.10	.42	
83.	Ionic, Orangeville	118.22		
84.	Lebanon, Wingham	84.51		.84
88.	MacNabb	112.95	1.27	
90.	Golden	138.93		
91.	Toronto-Antiquity	143.16	9.73	
94.	Midland	78.48		.43
95.	Tuscan	410.59	5.53	
102.	Algonquin	255.76	3.40	
103.	St. John's, North Bay	152.83	3.20	
104.	White Oak	112.73		.42
110.	Warkworth	53.63		
112.	St. John's, Morrisburg	136.71	1.13	
113.	Covenant	249.00		.85
114.	Bonnechere	93.93	1.70	
115.	Brant	113.15	.42	
116.	Maple	81.87		.58
117.	Kitchener, Kitchener	169.72		
119.	King Cyrus, Leamington	139.88		1.84
129.	Elliott	98.36	1.71	
130.	Chantry	63.22		
131.	Amabel	101.02		.43
132.	Leeds	93.32	4.67	
133.	St. Francis	174.08	4.10	
134.	King Darius	80.53	.43	
135.	Succoth	64.74		.07
138.	Shekinah	293.31	5.05	
140.	Fort William	175.79	41.18	
143.	Glengarry	61.89		
144.	Presqu'ile	61.26	29.81	
145.	The St. Patrick	274.18		7.22
146.	Bernard	103.75		3.25
147.	Lucknow	82.34	1.23	
148.	St. John's, Vankleek Hill	81.56	.43	
149.	Atwood	48.18		4.28
150.	London	109.42	1.70	
151.	Laurentian	160.32	7.85	
152.	Alberton	134.93	1.28	
153.	Sombra	127.40	2.05	

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Balance Debit	Balance Credit
154.	Klondike		74.85	
155.	Ancaster	87.78		
161.	Madoc	130.66	.86	
163.	The Beaches	89.55		.43
164.	Lorne	88.93	1.30	
167.	Kichikewana	147.50	.85	
168.	Ionic, Campbellford	109.86		.87
169.	Temiskaming	70.77	71.17	
175.	The Hamilton	109.46	.43	
184.	Hugh Murray	108.71		1.00
195.	Peel	144.24	1.66	
198.	Couchiching	152.31	80.08	
203.	Cobalt (Inactive)			
205.	Victoria, Thornhill	115.61	52.13	
210.	Kitchener, Russell	85.04		.42
212.	Mount Sinai, Toronto	373.30	13.50	
213.	Northern Lights	115.60	.85	
214.	Vimy	82.70		1.40
215.	Mimico	120.30	1.27	
217.	St. Alban's	166.47	3.97	
218.	Prince Edward, Shelbourne	53.58		2.73
219.	Ulster	111.95		
220.	Lebanon, Lambton Mills	133.33		
221.	Durham	57.26	.43	
222.	Ottawa	291.29		13.86
223.	Abitibi	83.98	1.55	
224.	Keystone, Hamilton	102.31	1.70	
225.	Beaver, Toronto	122.50	69.12	
226.	Prince of Wales, Perth	135.58	1.85	
227.	Quinte Friendship	210.00	2.69	
230.	Port Credit	116.56	1.70	
231.	The St. Clair, Toronto	195.63		4.75
232.	King Cyrus, Toronto	102.88	40.68	
233.	Oakwood	78.15	10.00	
234.	Halton	148.85	71.55	
235.	Aurora	94.16	3.27	
236.	Caledonia	87.40		
238.	The St. Andrew	210.93	4.18	
239.	Blenheim	86.93		
240.	Smithville	66.71	1.07	
241.	University	98.00	4.31	
242.	St. Paul's, Lambeth	79.91	44.26	
243.	McKay	69.83	.42	
245.	Preston	72.30	41.32	
246.	Humber	172.19	1.47	
247.	Nilestown	144.95	5.04	
248.	Dochert	63.61	75.67	
249.	Palestine, Bowmanville	101.25	1.13	
250.	Thomas Peters	194.33		2.50
251.	Kirkland	142.65	8.10	
252.	Hiawatha	142.80		4.66
253.	Regal	78.71		
254.	Golden Star	191.53	5.95	
255.	Tillsonburg	109.03	3.50	
256.	Yukon			1.27
257.	Espanola	83.82	36.97	
258.	Tyrian	32.32	11.97	
259.	Quetico	39.25		.15

No.	Name of Chapter	Amount	Balance Debit	Balance Credit
260.	Centennial	59.93		5.10
U.D.	Seguin	124.50	48.35	
	Grand Chapter of Alberta	100.00	100.00	
	Grand Chapter of British Columbia	209.00		
	Grand Chapter of Manitoba	91.00		
	Grand Chapter of New Brunswick	60.00	20.00	
	Grand Chapter of Quebec	100.00		
	Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan	100.00		
	Rebate of Executive Committee Expenses	250.16		
	Sales to Sundry Individuals	5.70		
	Grand Convocation Receipts	1,857.80		
		$23,982.87	$1,511.39	$147.91

CASH RECEIPTS

For the year ended February 28, 1961

Receipts from Chapters	$20,624.11
Rebate of Executive Committee Expenses	250.16
Grand Convocation Receipts	1,857.80
Transfer from Life Membership Fund	2,493.90
Transfer from Chapters' Life Membership Fund	21.00
Interest on Investments	2,752.50
Sales to Other Grand Chapters	540.00
Sale of History	139.53
	$28,679.00

Examined and verified,
JOHN D. LEWARS, C.A.

Since assuming the office of Grand Scribe E., I have conscientiously put forth the very best of my endeavours, not only that the responsibilities of the office may be discharged faithfully and well, but also with a great desire to make a further contribution to Grand Chapter. Experience is a great teacher and consequently I have, during the past term, gained a knowledge which has enabled me to form opinions which I believe rightfully should be expressed to this Grand Chapter.

Heretofore, I have on many occasions expressed my appreciation and commendation to the Scribes E. of the constituent Chapters for the earnestness with which they approached the duties required of them, and their conscientious efforts to fulfill the obligations of their office. That the duties are demanding is perhaps best exemplified in that there have been thirty-six new Scribes E. elected to office this year. I cannot emphasize too greatly that they must, and indeed all Scribes E., study carefully

the Grand Chapter Constitution, particularly the "Guide to Scribes E." which is found on Page 89 of Grand Chapter Constitution.

I am constrained to say that the efficiency of Grand Chapter Office is contingent to a large extent upon the service given by the Scribes E. of the constituent Chapters, together with the necessary staff to meet the demands made upon Grand Chapter Office. However, my experience has taught me that many Chapters are not complying with the requirements of Grand Chapter Constitution.

First, I must report that Grand Chapter Annual Returns were sent to all Chapters on December 15th last, with a personal letter from myself, in which I particularly requested that they be completed and returned by no later than January 31st, as required by the Constitution. However, on February 15th, it was necessary that some twenty-five night letters be sent to Chapters who had failed to forward Returns, and indeed the final three were not received until the middle of March, and then only after letters had been sent to the delinquent Chapters and the respective Grand Superintendents. This situation naturally creates difficulty at the Grand Chapter Office in the preparation of statistical reports, which must be available for the Grand Chapter Convocation, not forgetting the information which must be given to Chairmen of various Grand Chapter Committees, upon which they are able to prepare reports for submission to Grand Chapter.

A review of Grand Chapter Annual Returns reveals that many Chapters record thereon for the first time the Companions who have been exalted during the year, thus failing to recognize Section 241 of the Constitution which reads in part: "Every Chapter shall, within one month after a candidate has been exalted to the degree of the Royal Arch, send a return to the Grand Scribe E., etc." Thus we find an overwhelming demand for Grand Chapter Certificates shortly before Grand Chapter Convocation, and in many instances, therefore, a Companion does not receive his Grand Chapter Certificate for many months, or even a year, after his Exaltation. This situation can only be rectified by the Grand Chapter Office receiving the necessary information within the Constitutional time limit.

Furthermore, may I also request that Scribes E. of the constiuent Chapters forward with the Annual Returns a cheque covering the amount they have computed to be due for per capita fees covering the final half-year. This would cause a considerable lessening of the indebtedness to Grand Chapter as of the end of the financial year, namely, February 28th, which I regret to report is at a very high level this year, brought about only because Chapters fail to make payment of per capita fees due

December 31st of each year and payable prior to the following February 28th.

May I also remind Chapters that Divine Services, social and other functions, require a Dispensation from the Grand Z., and I have found this is all too frequently overlooked, and only corrected by the Grand Chapter Office after a review of the monthly circulars.

The foregoing observations are not made for the purpose of criticism, but rather that they may be brought to the attention of all Chapters in order that Grand Chapter Office may give effective and efficient administration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

M. A. SEARLE,
Grand Scribe E.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle, and

Resolved—That the report of the Grand S.E. be received and adopted.

AUDITOR'S FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Most Excellent Companion, Bruce Harrison Smith, Grand First Principal,
Grand Chapter, Royal Arch Masons, in the Province of Ontario,
Temple Building, Toronto, Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir:

I have made my regular examination of the books and account and supporting records of the Grand Scribe E. and the Grand Treasurer of Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1961. From this examination I have prepared the statements listed below and I now present them together with my comments thereon:

Exhibit "A"—Balance Sheet as at February 28, 1961.

Exhibit "B"—Comparative Revenue and Expenditure Account for the year ended February 28, 1961.

Schedule "1"—The Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund as at February 28, 1961.

Schedule "2"—The Life Membership Fund—Grand Chapter as at February 28, 1961.

Schedule "3"—The Chapters' Life Membership Fund as at February 28, 1961.

COMMENTS

The Petty Cash fund was counted at the time of my examination and found to be in order. Vouchers were examined in support of all disbursements from this fund. The several bank balances shown in Exhibit "A" and Schedules "1," "2," and "3" were verified as at February 28, 1961, and all bank transactions in the several funds for the year then ended were examined.

The Accounts Receivable from the various Chapters were reviewed in detail and appear to be proper charges. In my opinion, the Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts, in the amount presently provided, should prove adequate to cover probable losses.

The amount due from the Life Membership Fund of Grand Chapter of $2,442.05 represents life membership dues for the past fiscal year. I would recommend that this sum be transferred from the Life Membership Fund of Grand Chapter to the General Fund as soon as the next interest payment is received from the investments in the Life Membership Fund.

The computation of the accrued interest in the several funds was checked and found to be in order.

The investments of the several funds are set out in detail in Exhibit "A" and Schedules "1" and "2." They were counted on March 17, 1961, and were found to be in order. They continue to be held in the place and custody authorized by the Grand Chapter.

So far as I was able to ascertain, from due inquiry of the Officials concerned and from the information presently available, all known liabilities of the various Funds were taken up in the books of account as at February 28, 1961, and are reflected in the attached statements.

Details of the operations of the General Fund for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1961, as shown by the books of account of the Grand Scribe E., are set out in Exhibit "B" and compared with the Budget for the fiscal year under review, as approved by Grand Chapter. I note that during the latter part of this fiscal year the offices of Grand Chapter were moved and it was necessary to acquire new furniture and equipment and to repair and renovate some of the existing equipment. The Minutes of the Advisory Committee and Grand Council meeting of October 13, 1960, recommend that new accommodation for Grand Chapter office be obtained and that a sum not exceeding $2,000 be allocated for moving and any new office equipment which may be found necessary. This change in the Budget for the fiscal year ended February 28, 1961, has been incorporated into the Budget shown on Exhibit "B."

As of December 31, 1946, the actuarial requirement of the Life Membership Fund of Grand Chapter was ascertained to be $19,470.84 for 3,949 life members to produce $0.50 per life member per annum. At that point the Life Membership Fund was established at approximately $21,000 which meant that it was in a strong position—exceeding the actuarial requirement.

As of December 31, 1960, the Life Membership Fund of Grand Chapter was valued at $23,006.75 for 2,873 life members and is required to produce $0.85 per life member per annum.

Making the following assumptions with reference to the 1946 computation of actuarial requirement:

(1) That the ratio of life members in each age group is unchanged;

(2) That the life expectancy of these life members is unchanged since December 31, 1946; and

(3) That the fund will earn at least 3 per cent per annum.

It would appear that the fund as of December 31, 1960, should have had a value of no less than $24,081.42. This means that at the present time the fund does not appear to meet its actuarial requirements. I must caution you that the foregoing is an extremely rough calculation and is not intended to take the place of an actual computation of the actuarial requirements of the fund.

There are two reasons why the Life Membership Fund of Grand Chapter will deteriorate under present conditions:

(1) Dues were increased from $0.75 to $0.85 without any addition being made to the fund;

(2) Commutation fees have remained at $10.00. This sum was required to produce $0.50 in 1947 and $0.85 in 1960.

I recommend that the acturial requirements of the Life Membership Fund of Grand Chapter be re-computed and that a system be instituted whereby the actuarial requirements of the fund can be checked from time to time with a minimum of effort.

I should like to point out that the system or procedure whereby life members or honorary members are created means that Grand Chapter is receiving a sum of money now which must take care of the dues of these members so long as they shall live. In a period of rising costs and expanding operations it becomes necessary to increase dues. As a result, the sum you accept now to produce $0.85 per annum per member will not produce the dues of next year or the year after. This means that your

general, annual dues paying members end up subsidizing your life members, so far as sharing the costs of Grand Chapter operations are concerned.

I recommend that consideration be given to increasing the commutation fee for life memberships to $20.00 or $25.00, in order to produce the present annual dues of $0.85 per member and to allow for possible increases in the future.

I recommend that the granting of honorary memberships be discouraged and that the commutation fee for such memberships be substantially increased, even beyond the commutation fee suggested for life memberships, for the foregoing reasons.

I note that the present fire insurance coverage on furniture, fixtures and contents of the Grand Scribe E.'s office amounts to $1,000. In view of the additions to furniture and equipment which were made I recommend that the insurance coverage be increased to $4,000 or $5,000.

As in preceding years, interim examinations were made of the books of account of the Grand Scribe E and the Grand Treasurer and tentative interim reports were submitted as of August 31, 1960, and November 30, 1960. I have obtained all of the information and explanations which I have required. My examination included a general review of the accounting procedures and such tests of the accounting records and other supporting evidence as I considered necessary under the circumstances.

In my opinion, the attached Balance Sheet and related statements are properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario as at February 28, 1961, subject to the qualifications contained in the foregoing comments, and the results of operations for the year then ended, according to the best of my information and the explanations afforded to me, and as shown by the books of the Grand Chapter.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

JOHN D. LEWARS, C.A., Auditor.

Exhibit "A"

BALANCE SHEET AS AT FEBRUARY 28, 1961

ASSETS

Current Assets:			
Petty Cash Fund		$ 113.74	
Cash in bank		9,318.81	
Accounts Receivable—Chapters	$1,363.48		
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	129.69	1,233.79	
Due from Life Membership Fund—Grand Chapter		2,442.05	
Accrued Interest on Investments		1,020.20	14,128.59
Investments:			
Government of Canada—4½%—1983		22,500.00	
Province of Ontario—2¾%—1968		6,000.00	
Province of Ontario—3%—1977		4,000.00	
H.E.P.C. of Ontario—3½%—1979		28,000.00	
H.E.P.C. of Ontario—4%—1974		6,000.00	
Toronto General Trusts—5½%—1965		1,500.00	
Toronto General Trusts—5½%—1964		1,500.00	
Metropolitan Toronto—3½%1975		2,000.00	
		71,500.00	
Less: Unamortized Discount		485.02	71,014.98
Furniture and Fixtures (cost)		3,275.16	
Less: Allowance for Depreciation		3,260.54	14.62
Grand Chapter—Library			250.00
Grand Council—Regalia			75.00
Special Funds:			
The Victory Thanksgiving Fund (Schedule "1")		64,105.44	
The Life Membership Fund (Schedule "2")		23,006.75	
The Chapters' Life Membership Fund (Schedule "3")		141.20	87,253.39
			$172,736.58

LIABILITIES

Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable			756.01
Unexpended Reserves:			
Education		562.57	
Library		100.00	622.57
Reserve for Special Funds			87,253.39
General Reserve:			
Balance—March 1, 1960		85,600.89	
Less—Excess of Expenditures Over Revenue (Exhibit "B")		1,536.28	84,064.61
			172,736.58

Exhibit "B"

COMPARATIVE REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

REVENUE

	Estimated Revenue	Actual Revenue	Balances Over* or Under
Fees	2,750.00	2,509.50	240.50
Dues	16,500.00	16,720.84	*220.84
Life Membership Dues	2,500.00	2,442.05	57.95
Dispensations and Warrants	150.00	184.00	*34.00
Sale of Supplies	2,400.00	2,430.75	*30.75
Sale of History of Grand Chapter	550.00	140.00	410.00
Interest on Investments	2,775.00	2,812.12	*37.12
Total Revenue	27,625.00	27,239.26	385.74
Total Expenditure	28,125.18	28,775.54	*650.36
Estimated Deficit for Year	500.18		
Excess of Expenditure over Revenue		1,536.28	1,036.10

EXPENDITURES

	Estimated Expenditure	Actual Expenditure		Balances Over* or Under
Grand Scribe E.:				
Compensation	4,800.00	3,800.00		1,000.00
Office Assistants	3,240.00	4,011.45		*771.45
Rent	1,380.00	1,550.00		*170.00
Miscellaneous	800.00	1,158.93		*358.93
	10,220.00		10,520.38	
Foreign Correspondence:				
Reviewer	300.00		300.00	
Audit Fee	500.00		500.00	
Printing: Proceedings	1,700.00	1,629.00		71.00
General	700.00	634.07	2,263.07	65.93
	2,400.00			
Travelling: Grand Z.	2,000.00	2,000.00		
General	700.00	515.20		184.80
	2,700.00		2,515.20	
Expenses: Convocation	4,000.00	4,012.26		*12.26
Executive Committee	1,800.00	1,549.84		250.16
	5,800.00		5,562.10	
Jewels and Engraving	300.00		1,301.40	*1,001.40
Grant to Masonic Library	125.00		125.00	
Grant to Can. Mas. Res. Assoc.	50.00		50.00	
Chapters' Life Membership Fund	2.00		1.86	.14
Liability Insurance	1,328.18		1,328.19	*.01
Grand Officers' Regalia			219.25	*219.25
History of Grand Chapter Costs			105.48	*105.48
New Furniture, Equipment		1,770.33		
Moving and Equipment Renovation Costs		247.44		
	2,000.00		2,017.77	*17.77
Supplies for Resale	2,400.00		1,965.84	434.16
Total Expenditure	28,125.18		28,775.54	*650.36

Schedule "1"

THE VICTORY THANKSGIVING BENEVOLENT FUND

As at February 28, 1961

Balance—March 1, 1960			63,138.70
Add—Bank Interest		41.21	
Bond Interest		2,215.25	
Amortization of Bond Discount		338.80	
		2,595.26	
Less: Amortization of Bond Premium		29.72	2,565.54
Donations			61.20
			65,765.44
Deduct—Benevolence			1,660.00
Balance—February 28, 1961			64,105.44

ASSETS

Cash in bank		2,638.70	
Accrued Interest on Investments		854.59	3,493.29
Investments:			
Government of Canada—4½%—1983		16,700.00	
Government of Canada—2¾%—1968		8,000.00	
Province of Ontario—3%—1965		9,000.00	
Province of Ontario—3%—1966		3,000.00	
Province of Ontario—2¾%—1968		1,000.00	
Province of Ontario—3%—1969		9,000.00	
Province of Ontario—3%—1977		8,000.00	
H.E.P.C. of Ontario—4¼%—1967		6,500.00	
H.E.P.C. of Ontario—3½%—1979		2,000.00	
		63,200.00	
Deduct—Unamortized Discount	2,746.71		
Less—Unamortized Premium	158.86	2,587.85	60,612.15
			64,105.44

Schedule "2"

THE LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND—GRAND CHAPTER

As at February 28, 1961

Balance—March 1, 1960		23,515.25
Add—Interest on Investments	805.00	
—Amortization of Discount	12.50	
—Bank Interest	36.05	
—Commutations Issued	1,080.00	1,933.55
		25,448.80
Deduct—Life Membership Dues		2,442.05
Balance—February 28, 1961		23,006.75

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets:			
Cash in bank		2,205.43	
Due from Chapters		31.28	
Accrued Interest on Investments		268.34	
Investments:			
Metropolitan Toronto—3½%—1975	23,000.00		
Less: Unamortized Discount	56.25	22,943.75	25,448.80
Liabilities:			
Due to General Fund			2,442.05
			23,006.75

Schedule "3"

THE CHAPTERS' LIFE MEMBERSHIP FUND

As at February 28, 1961

Balance—March 1, 1960		157.48
Add—Bank Interest	2.86	
—Transfer from General Fund	1.86	4.72
		162.20
Deduct—1960 Chapter Dues Transferred to General Fund and Credited to Chapters' Accounts		21.00
Balance—February 28, 1961		141.20

ASSETS

Cash in bank	141.20

Moved by Rt. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by Most Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean, and—

Resolved—That the Auditor's Report be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE PRINTING COMMITTEE

To the Most Excellent, the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Your Committee on Printing has received the expenditures for the year ending February 28th, 1961, and submits the following analysis in support thereof:

Printing Proceedings	$1,629.00
Printing—General	634.07
	$2,263.07

It is respectfully requested that the following monies be placed at the disposal of the Printing Committee for the fiscal year of 1961-1962.

Printing Proceedings	$1,650.00
Printing—General	700.00
Printing for Resale	1,800.00
	$4,150.00

Fraternally submitted,

R. EX. COMP. H. A. FRED SCHYTTE, Chairman.

R. EX. COMP. A. W. AYRE

R. EX. COMP. E. I. McCONNELL

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. H. A. F. Schytte, and—

Resolved—That the Report of the Printing Committee be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON INVESTMENTS

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada, in the Province of Ontario.

Your Committee on Investments reports the following:

GENERAL ACCOUNT

Toronto General Trusts Corporation, 5½%—Dec. 1, 1964, registered	$ 1,500.00
Toronto General Trusts Corporation, 5½%—Jan. 27, 1965, registered	1,500.00
Province of Ontario—2¾%—July 15, 1968, registered	6,000.00
Province of Ontario—3%—Oct. 15, 1977, registered	4,000.00
Hydro Electric Power Commission, 4%—July 15, 1974, registered	6,000.00
Hydro Electric Power Commission, 3½%—Oct. 15, 1979, registered	28,000.00
Dominion of Canada, 4½%—Sept. 1, 1983, registered	22,500.00
City of Metropolitan Toronto, 3½%—May 2, 1975, registered	2,000.00
	$71,500.00

VICTORY THANKSGIVING BENEVOLENT FUND

Province of Ontario, 3%, April 15, 1965, registered	$9,000.00
Province of Ontario, %3, Nov. 1, 1966, registered	3,000.00
Province of Ontario, 2¾%, July 15, 1968, registered	1,000.00
Province of Ontario, 3%, Nov. 1, 1969, registered	9,000.00
Province of Ontario, 3%, Oct. 15, 1977, registered	8,000.00
Hydro Electric Power Commission, 4½%, Nov. 1, 1967, registered	6,500.00
Hydro Electric Power Commission, 3½%, Oct. 18, 1979, registered	2,000.00
Dominion of Canada, 2¾%, June 15, 1968, registered	8,000.00
Dominion of Canada, 4½%, Sept. 1, 1983, registered	200.00
Dominon of Canada, 4½%, Sept. 1, 1983, registered	16,500.00
	$63,200.00

LIFE MEMBERSHIP

City of Metropolitan Toronto, 3½%, May 2, 1975, registered	$23,000.00

Your Committee on Investments has had meetings with the Grand Scribe E., during the year.

The assistance and advice given by the members of the Finance Committee, the Grand Treasurer, and Most Excellent Companion Smith, is sincerely appreciated and gratefully acknowledged.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

RT. EX. COMP. F. CARL ACKERT,
Chairman.

March 24th, 1961.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. F. C. Ackert, and

Resolved—That the report of the Investment Committee be received.

REPORTS OF THE COMMITTEE ON WARRANTS AND DISPENSATIONS

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

You will recall a year ago that the petition of a group of interested Companions to form a Chapter in Parry Sound, Ontario, to be known as Seguin Chapter, was received and subsequently deferred for one year.

We have now examined the records of this Chapter and find them in excellent order. Their minute book is well written, receipts and disbursements clearly accounted for, and proper dues cards issued in each instance.

This Chapter, while working under dispensation, is a going concern. They have been extremely active and form a very desirable addition to our Royal Arch family.

We accordingly recommend that a charter be granted to this Chapter to be known as Seguin Chapter and to be numbered 261 on the Register of Grand Chapter and to be placed in Georgian District No. 9.

We have another request for dispensation from a group of active Companions in Burlington for a Chapter to be formed and to be known as King David Chapter. We have examined the petition and find it in order. We therefore recommend that a dispensation be granted to King David Chapter.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

W. N. HOLYWELL,
ARTHUR E. SHARPE,
J. A. HEARN, Chairman.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by V. Ex. Comp. J. A. Hearn, and—

Resolved—That the Report on Warrants and Dispensations be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of Grand Chapter.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Again this year, as for several past years, your Committee on Grievances and Appeals is pleased to report that no cases of such have been brought to our attention; so it is rightly believed that peace, harmony and happiness prevail throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. ,

Fraternally and respectfully submitted.

J. L. HOUSE,
JOHN M. BURDEN,
A. G. N. BRADSHAW, Chairman.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, and—

Resolved—That the Report of the Committee on Grievances and Appeals be received.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE GRAND Z.'S ADDRESS

To the Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Your committee has reviewed the address of our Grand First Principal Most Excellent Companion Bruce H. Smith and unite with him in his cordial and fraternal greetings to our distinguished guests. Particularly, and with pride, do we concur in his gracious welcome to our Grand Master Clarence MacLeod Pitts, whom we all greatly respect and feel honoured in knowing that he is one of our Past Grand First Principals and a Mason of outstanding ability and leadership. We most sincerely join with our Grand First Principal in prayers that the Great Jehovah will bless him with health and strength for many years to come to enhance freemasonry in its many branches with his knowledge, vision and energy. We also join in the welcome extended to Right Worshipful Brother and Companion Ewart Dixon, our Grand Secretary.

To our guests from our Canadian and sister jurisdictions and from the United States of America we sincerely trust that the goodwill and fraternal friendship existing between us will continue to grow in sincerity and happiness far into the future.

We unite with our Grand Z. in his words of sympathy to all who mourn the loss of Companions and grieve with him over those loved Companions who have faithfully served our Grand Chapter and now have gone before us to that "house not made with hands eternal in the Heavens."

It is a gratification that Most Excellent Companion Smith has been enabled to make so many visits during the past year, as you will see when reading the list of these visitations. It is a record of energetic labour in the cause of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction and should be the means of cementing friendly ties with sister jurisdictions. It is a matter of congratulation that our Grand First Principal has been blessed with good health and stamina to carry out his duties with a disregard of time and distance.

We congratulate our Grand Z on his being honoured with membership in several Chapters.

Your committee approves of our Grand Z's appointment of Grand Representatives and compliment him on his selections.

With our Grand Z. we offer our congratulations to the two Chapters,

Carleton Chapter, No. 16, Ottawa;
Oxford Chapter, No. 18, Woodstock,

on the celebration of their centennial anniversaries and hope they will both continue to grow in membership and prosperity. It is a delight to know our Grand First Principal was able to honour both Chapters on these two occasions with his presence.

We rejoice in the pride with which Most Excellent Companion Smith pays tribute to those recipients of long service and 25-year past Principal jewels, and heartily congratulate them. Such practical evidence of our high regard not only honours these Companions but also honours their respective Chapters.

It is a great inspiration to see that two of our Companions have received the 50-year past Principal's bar. This is a distinction which but few ever attain, and we can but thank the Great I Am, on their behalf, for His beneficient goodness in granting them long life and health to reach this goal.

Your committee is pleased to agree with the commendation of the work carried on by the Royal Arch Masons' Welfare Committee of Toronto and congratulate them. This committee is worthy of every encouragement and assistance.

Our Grand Z's remarks re the Masonic Library are recommended to the attention of all Companions.

We concur in the recommendations of our Grand First Principal that past rank be conferred on a First Principal of Minnewawa Chapter, No. 78, and on the First Principal of King Darius Chapter, No. 134, who were prevented from serving full time of office as required by the Constitution and submit same to Grand Chapter for approval.

We recommend an earnest perusal of our Grand Z's remarks re membership and his table of figures in this regard over the last ten years.

The dispensations granted by our Grand Z. appear to be in order and subject to the powers conferred on him are confirmed. Attention should be paid to his remarks re apply for dispensations so as not to over-ride our Constitution.

Our Grand Z's approval of new bylaws and amendments to bylaws were many this last year but would seem in order.

Your Committee approves of our Grand Z's recommendation that Right Excellent Companion Ben Scott be elected to honourary membership in our Grand Executive and recommends that Grand Chapter concur.

Our Grand First Principal was privileged to attend two international events, one at Massena, New York, under the joint auspices of Massena Chapter, New York, and Covenant Chapter, No. 113, Cornwall, Ontario, and the second at Sarnia, Ontario, under the joint auspices of Hiawatha Chapter, No. 252, Sarnia, and Port Huron Chapter, Port Huron, Michigan. We rejoice at his attendance on both these occasions as it undoubtedly assists in promoting good fraternal relations.

Our Grand Z's thanks to those who ably assisted him, especially his commendation of our Grand Scribe E., are concurred in by this committee.

In conclusion your committee wishes to commend our Grand Z. on his activity and zeal in carrying out the many duties of his responsible office during the past year and we feel confident that he was worthily earned the respect and admiration of all Royal Arch Masons in this Grand Jurisdiction.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. HOUSE,
F. W. DEAN,
JOHN M. BURDEN,
M. S. GOODERHAM,
C. M. PITTS,
M. A. SEARLE,
A. G. N. BRADSHAW, Chairman.

Moved by M. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. J. L. House, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on the Grand Z's Address be received and adopted.

ARCHIVE COMMITTEE

The committee regrets that it has no activities to report, but respectfully suggests that with the improvements in storage facilities in the new Grand Chapter office there may be opportunity to acquire items of historic value and therefore humbly suggests that the committee may be continued during 1961-2.

Submitted respectfully on behalf of the committee.

BEN SCOTT, Archivist.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. B. S. Scott, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Archive Committee be received and adopted.

ARCHIVE COMMITTEE ELECTED

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. F. Hay, and—

Resolved—That R. Ex. Comp. B. S. Scott be Grand Archivist, R. Ex. Comp. F. J. Johnson. R. Ex. Comp. E. C. Wood, members.

GRAND HISTORIAN ELECTED

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. F. Hay, and—

Resolved—That R. Ex. Comp. B. S. Scott be elected Grand Historian.

BURSARY COMMITTEE

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean, and—

Resolved—That the Bursary Committee be discharged at the present time. Carried.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

To the Most Excellent Grand Z., Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Grand Z. and Companions:

Your Committee on Benevolence has considered the applications for relief and we recommend that an appropriation be made in the estimates for the coming Grand Chapter year for grants to the following:

Chapter	Grant in favor of	Amount
1	Widow of G. McN.	$150.00
5	Widow of G. S. M.	200.00
8	Widow of R. J.	150.00
53	Daughter of J. S.	150.00
62	Widow of J. B.	150.00
145	Daughter of J. C.	200.00
Special	Widow of E. S.	200.00
246	Companion B. F.	150.00
		$1,350.00

We further recommend that an amount of $600.00 be provided for interim relief if it is needed before the next annual Convocation of Grand Chapter.

Several years ago your Committee on Benevolence revised the form of application to be used by Chapters when apply for benevolence. We again strongly urge all concerned in the preparation of these applications to see that they are properly completed, full information furnished and that the completed forms are in the hands of the Grand Scribe E not later than January 31. Much valuable time is lost and no doubt hardship created by failure to properly follow instructions contained on these forms.

It is with sincere regret that we report the death of R. Ex. Comp. D. C. Patmore, who has faithfully served on this committee for many years. His presence and assistance will be greatly missed.

Fraternally submitted.

Committee on Benevolence
R. N. McELHINNEY,
F. W. DEAN, Chairman.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Benevolence be received and adopted.

COMMITTEE ON BENEVOLENCE

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. F. Hay, and—

Resolved—That the following Companions comprise the Committee on Benevolence and are members of the Executive Committee of Grand Chapter for the respective years:

M. Ex. Comp. F. W. Dean—retires 1962.
M. Ex. Comp. J. M. Burden—retires 1963.
R. Ex. Comp. R. N. McElhinney—retires 1964.

COMMITTEE ON AWARDS FOR DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL

To the Most Excellent the Grand Zerubbabel, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

During the past year your committee has had five applications from five Chapters for the Distinguished Service Award. Unfortunately, one of those recommended has passed to the Grand Chapter above, but we are now pleased to report favourably on the following, having found the conditions fulfilled:

Companion Thomas J. Steward, St. John's Chapter, No. 6.
Companion William Taylor, Wellington Chapter, No. 47.
Companion W. O. Cinnamon, Kitchener Chapter, No. 210.
Companion Arthur M. Eward, Grenville Chapter, No. 22.

No other applications or correspondence are presently in the hands of the committee for consideration.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

A. G. N. BRADSHAW, P.G.Z.
J. M. BURDEN, P.G.Z.
C. M. PITTS, P.G.Z., Chairman.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Awards for Distinguished Service Medal be received and adopted.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, and—

Resolved—That the following Companions comprise the Committee on Awards for Distinguished Service Medal for their respective terms:

M. Ex. Comp. A. G. N. Bradshaw—retires in 1962.
M. Ex. Comp. C. M. Pitts—retires in 1963.
M. Ex. Comp. J. L. House—retires in 1964.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF CAPITULAR MASONRY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

After careful study of the information presented by the Grand Superintendents your committee is happy to report on an exceptionally busy and active year in the Royal Craft.

Our Grand Council and many members of Grand Chapter have been kept busy travelling back and forth across our jurisdiction attending centennial celebrations, Grand Chapter nights, international visitations and dedications.

In addition to these functions our Grand First Principal has attended several receptions held in his honour.

With all the activities they have been engaged in it is readily understood why the names of our Grand Council appear so frequently in the reports of the Grand Superintendents and in terms of such sincere affection.

Many of the Grand Superintendents write to express their deep appreciation of the assistance extended to them by Most. Ex. Companion Maurice Searle in his capacity of Grand Scribe E. We are all very happy to see him so well recovered and taking his usual active and inspirational part in our work.

Reports indicate that Rt. Ex. Companion Lewis conducted several Chapters of Instruction which were of great benefit to the Companions attending. District Divine Services were held in 12 of the 17 Districts. There are, as you know, some Districts where distance is a great factor and a combined service is well nigh impossible.

It is recommended by this committee that all Districts hold a Divine Service if at all feasible.

Your committee is happy to report in greater detail on the following special events held this year.

Centennial Celebrations

Carleton Chapter, No. 16, in Ottawa held a three-day centennial celebration, opening the ceremonies with an inspirational Divine Service on Sunday, May 15. The highlight of the following day was the reception of Most Wor. Bros. and Most Ex. Companion Clarence M. Pitts of the Grand Council. This event will long be remembered as a milestone in the history of Carleton Chapter.

Also in attendance for this special convocation were the Grand First Principal and the Im Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Chapter of Quebec and the Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Ohio and many other distinguished visitors.

The ceremonies drew to a close with a banquet and dinner in the ballroom of the Chateau Laurier Hotel, Ottawa, on Tuesday evening, May 17.

Another unique centennial celebration was held at Oxford Chapter, No. 18, in Woodstock. On this occasion officers and members of Hiram Chapter, No. 2, Hamilton, and St. John's Chapter, No. 3, London, performed the ceremony of installation of officers.

It is interesting to note that the officers of these two Chapters conducted the original installations at Oxford Chapter 100 years ago.

Truly this was a remarkable and unique moment in the history of the Royal Craft.

Dedications

There were two dedication ceremonies, one at Harris Chapter, No. 41, Ingersol, the other at Espanola Chapter, No. 257, Espanola. Our Grand First Principal was present on both occasions with many Companions from Grand Chapter and other visitors.

Jewel Presentations and Distinguished Service Awards

Due to a lack of complete information from the District Superintendents your committee is unable to give you a detailed account of these presentations and would like to draw to the attention of the incoming Superintendents the necessity of submitting as concise and detailed an account of activities in their Districts as possible to enable this committee to produce a complete report for Grand Chapter.

Four of our Companions were honoured with Distinguished Service Awards in 1960. Several Companions received their 50-year jewels and many 25-year Past Principal's jewels were presented.

To the Companions who received their awards and jewels we offer our warmest and most sincere congratulations. Grand Chapter is indebted

to these Companions for ther years of faithful service and their contribution to our ancient and honourable institution

International Visitations

During the year several International Nights were shared with our Companions from the United States. Noteworthy among these occasions were the visit of Corinthian Chapter at Peterborough by Companions from Eggertsville, N.Y. Twenty-two Companions received their exaltation that evening.

Companions from the Brockville-Cornwall area enjoyed the hospitality of Companions at Massena, N.Y. This annual event, an exchange visitation will take place in Cornwall next year.

Another International Night which has been drawn to our attention is the visit of St. Andrew's Chapter, No. 238, at London to Ionic Chapter, No. 161, Detroit, on May 14 which resulted in an evening long to be remembered by the Companions.

The Companions of Hiawatha Chapter, No. 252, Sarnia, were delighted to entertain several hundred Companions at their International Convocation and reports state 300 Royal Arch Companions and their ladies attended the closing banquet.

These momentous events were enjoyed by our Companions in widely separated parts of our jurisdiction and no doubt will help to strengthen our organization. Your committee, however ,feels that it must bring to your attention the fact that while our membership increased slightly this year, which strengthens our position, we are still not making the progress toward increased membership that we can and must make. We cannot stress too strongly that ALL members must guard against complacency on this subject. We need an influx of new members and these members are available All we have to do is make them acquainted with the Royal Craft. In short, present our case.

Your committee feels there are several important steps which should be taken at once to help remedy this situation:

(a) We recommend a Public Relations Committee be formed to assume responsibility for publicity releases about such important events as our Grand Convocation International Visitations, District Divine Services, receptions to the Grand First Principal and other major events which take place in our Royal Arch calendar each year.

(b) That each Chapter undertake comprehensive plans to contact potential candidates and activate those plans AT ONCE.

(c) That where a specific plan has been tried and proven helpful a communication be forwarded to the Grand Scribe E. for presentation to the individual Chapters.

My Companions, your committee respectfully points out that plans and action are well and good, but it's individuals who make them work. It, therefore, becomes the solmn duty of each one of us to take positive action towards securing new candidates upon our return to our Chapters. Will you assume your responsibility for this important phase of our work?

Your pardon, Companions, if we seem somewhat moved by the subject. It is one your committee deems of prime importance, indeed the very life blood of our organization. We have SO MUCH to offer and there are SO MANY to be contacted we cannot afford to be casual about it.

When one reads of the Tuscan Chapter at Sudbury exalting thirty-four candidates and the New Seguin Chapter at Parry Sound receiving eighteen petitions, the formation of a new Chapter (King David) at Burlington, one realizes the optimistic outlook for the future.

Consider the activity that has taken place last year in our jurisdiction. Review the reports of the Grand Superintendents. Companions, of a certainity a new up-surge of enthusiasm is developing. A re-birth of the

strong faith of our predecessors in our Royal Craft is here—take advantage of it.

We have excellent leadership, stalwart, faithful Companions; we have this new enthusiasm, and with the knowledge of this combination your committee has a great sense of satisfaction in reporting the future of Capitular Masonry in our jurisdiction is bright.

It only remains for each Companion to do his part—have Faith and the Royal Craft will move into new, higher spheres of accomplishment.

All of which is respectfully and fraternally submitted

L. J. GENT,
J. A. GREER,
W. BAKER,
E. A. H. SHANE,
W. R. C. BRADFORD,
G. H. SHANNON, Vice-Chairman,
STAN PORTCH, Chairman.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R Ex. Comp. Stan Portch, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Special Committee on Conditions of Capitular Masonry be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand Z., Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario:

The Committee on Finance submits the following report for the year ending February 28, 1961.

The auditor's report prepared March 20, 1961, has been reviewed by the members of your Finance Committee and we submit the following for the consideration of this Grand body.

We find the exhibits fully and accurately set out details and transactions of the financial position of this Grand Chapter for the fiscal year. All items of receipts and disbursements in respect to the General Fund, the Victory and Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund, the Life Membership and Chapters' Life Membership Fund are properly detailed and these reports contain complete schedules of the securities in which these funds are now invested.

Exhibit A is a balance sheet showing all assets and liabilities of the Grand Chapter. It includes the funds which are entrusted to and over which the Grand Chapter has control.

The amount owing from the constituent Chapters shows a heavy increase to almost double what it was last year, $703 to $1,363, so again we must urge the constituent Chapters to make their remittances more promptly.

There is an amount of $2,442.05 due from the Life Membership Fund and your Finance Committee recommends for your approval that this amount be transferred to the General Fund as soon as the next interest payment is received from the investments in the Life Membership Fund.

Among the liabilities you will note there is $562.57 for Masonic Education and $100 for Library. Your Finance Committee recommends the Education amount be retained for use in 1961-62, but that the $100 for the Library be transferred to the General Account.

The Comparative Revenue and Expenditure Account marked Exhibit B indicates that our expenditures of $28,775.54 was $1,536.28 in excess of our revenue and was $650.39 greater than budgeted. This, however, is more than accounted for by the cost of furniture and moving expense for more adequate Grand Chapter offices. This expense was recommended by the Advisory Committee at Grand Council meeting October 13, 1960.

Your Finance Committee regrets the necessity of pointing out the reduction in registration fees from $2,796.00 in 1959 to $2,509.50 in 1960 —a reduction of $286.50. This is a continuing trend since 1953 when the registration fees were $3,500.00. The sale of Grand Chapter Histories was again disappointing at $140, or 35 copies, against a budget of $550 or 137 copies.

The details of the receipts and expenditures of the Victory Thanksgiving Benevolent Fund is set out in Schedule (1) and shows an increase in income of $2,626.74 composed of donations of $61.20 and unspent accrued interest of $2,565.54.

The details of the receipts and expenditures of the Life Membership Fund is set out in Schedule (2) and indicates a reduction of $508.50, leaving a balance of $23,006.75. Our auditor has pointed out that it seems that the fund does not appear to meet its acturial requirement, particularly since dues were increased from 75 cents to 85 cents without any addition being made to the fund and commutation fees have remained at $10.

We recommend that the Finance Committee for 1961-62 be authorized to have the actuarial requirement of the Life Membership Fund of Grand Chapter recomputed and that a system be instituted whereby the actuarial requirements of the fund can be checked from time to time with a minimum of effort.

You will also note that notices of motion (1) and (2) are being placed before the Grand Chapter to change the commutation fee for honourary members from $10 to $20.

Schedule (3) covers the Chapters' Life Membership Fund and does not appear to require any comment from your committee.

In submitting the following budget of revenue and expenditure we have taken into account the trend in reduction of registration fees, but not to the extent of last year's reduction. While we are showing an estimated net surplus of $220 this will only be possible by receiving support from the constituent Chapters for the sale of Grand Chapter Histories.

The following is our estiamte of revenue and expenditure for the year ending February 28, 1962.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 1962

Revenue	1961-62	Estimates
Registration fees		$ 2,600.00
Dues per capita		16,600.00
Life Membership dues		2,490.00
Dispensations and Warrants		150.00
Interest on investments		2,775.00
Receipts from sale of supplies	$2,900.00	
Receipts from sale of Grand Chapter History	700.00	3,600.00
		$28,215.00
Expenditures		
Grand Scribe E. compensation		$4,800.00
Office assistant		3,240.00
Telephone, postage and miscellaneous		950.00
Rent		2,400.00
Foreign Correspondence		300.00
Printing proceedings	$1,650.00	
Printing supplies for sales to Chapters	1,800.00	
Printing general	700.00	4,150.00
Travelling Grand Z.	2,000.00	
General	700.00	2,700.00

Audit fee		500.00
Expense of Convocation	4,000.00	
Executive Committee	1,800.00	
Education	400.00	6,200.00
Jewels and engraving	550.00	
Grants to Masonic Library	125.00	
Grant to Masonic Research	50.00	
Chapter Life Membership Fund	2.00	
Liability insurance	1,328.19	
History of Grand Chapter costs	——	
New furniture and equipment	——	
Moving and renovation cost	——	
Grand officers' regalia	350.00	
Testimonial to retiring Grand Z.	350.00	2,755.19
		$27,995.19

Estimated net surplus $220.00

April 10, 1961

Your Finance Committee would like to express appreciation to our Grand Z. for his guidance and assistance during the year, to the Grand Scribe E. who has worked under difficult health problems and working conditions for a major portion of the year. Again we are indebted to Rt. Ex. Comp. Lewis for his assistance to the Grand Scribe E. during his convalesence and so a special vote of appreciation to Rt. Ex. Comp. Reg. Lewis. We also wish to express our appreciation to Most Ex. Comp. John Burden and his committee for the excellent job of reviewing and disposing of obsolete records.

All of this is fraternally and respectfully submitted on behalf of the committee.

April 10, 1961 J. E. GIRVEN, Chairman.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. J. E. Girven, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Finance be received and adopted.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON THE FRATERNAL DEAD

To the Most Excellent Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.—Psalm 116: 15.

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest.
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Hallelujah!

In His infinite wisdom God has bestowed upon us many priceless gifts. He gives us love and appreciation so that we are kept from being hard, cold and unresponsive. At times we marvel at His goodness and mercy which attends all of our days. During the passing of years, how well we place greater value on that which for so long we have taken far granted. How wonderful to walk in the Garden of Memories.

Today we rightfully pause amid this great Convocation of Grand

Chapter to remember our many Companions who have annually met with us to transact the business of Grand Chapter as well as to refresh old acquaintances. This Convocation they are not with us. We do miss them, but well realize that we know not the hour when the Great Jehovah will call us to the Grand Convocation with Him as the Grand First Principal. Today the life of our Companions is richer, fuller, crowned with eternal glory, enshrined in the heart of God. We see the lights that they have left to guide us in our further journey: Faith, Truth and Love.

In paying tribute to our departed Companions we are challenged to carry on the high trust that is placed in our hands by building upon the solid foundations that have been well laid for us. Through strength from the Most High may we be equal to our tasks and run with patience the race that is set before us.

"Fast the rolling seasons bring
The hour of fate to those we love,
Each pearl that leaves the broken string
Is set in Friendship's crown above.
As narrower grows the earthly chain,
The circle widens in the sky:
These are the treasures that remain,
But those are the stars that beam on high."

Therefore I ask you now to kindly rise and express our gratitude to our Heavenly Father for their lives and example as we stand in silent tribute to our departed Companions.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted on behalf of the committee.

W. L. DAVIES,
J. W. DICKENS,
C. R. BURTON,
L. E. MORPHY,
R. J. COCKS,
REV. D. M. KERR, Vice-Chairman,
GEORGE A. PHILLIPS, Chairman.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. G. A. Phillips, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Fraternal Dead be received.

The number of deaths reported by Constituent Chapters from January until December 31, 1960, was 537.

The following Companions of Grand Chapter rank passed to their reward during the year 1960:

Most Excellent Companion Cecil S. Field, an Honourary Past Grand Third Principal of our Grand Chapter. Many of you will remember him as one of our distinguished guests from the Supreme Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland. It is with deep regret that we record the loss of such an outstanding member of our glorious fraternity.

Chapter

1. Rt. Ex. Comp. Harvey Milne.
2. Rt. Ex. Comp. W. H. Bates, V. Ex. Comp. R. A. Bright, V. Ex. Comp. W. Turner.
4. Rt. Ex. Comp. H. King.
20. Rt. Ex. Comp. S. W. Seago.
23. Rt. Ex. Comp. C. Hunt.
36. Rt. Ex. Comp. R. S. Cotton.
40. V. Ex. Comp. G. M. Binks.
44. Rt. Ex. Comp. A. D. MacGregor.
46. V. Ex. Comp. J. N. Robinson.
47. Rt. Ex. Comp. V. R. Weatherhead.
77. V. Ex. Comp. R. Faulkner.
91. Rt. Ex. Comp. W. H. Lake, V. Ex. Comp. S. Manuel.

110. V. Ex. Comp. J. S. Ewing.
129. Rt. Ex. Comp. F. Porterfield.
133. Rt. Ex. Comp. H. W. Aunger, Rt. Ex. Comp. M. L. Perry.
135. V. Ex. Comp. D. A. Turner.
143. Rt. Ex. Comp. J. H. Munro.
145. V. Ex. Comp. R. H. Dee, V. Ex. Comp. F. Power.
153. V. Ex. Comp. E. Hackett.
163. Rt. Ex. Comp. W. H. Ford.
168. V. Ex Comp. E. J. Wilmink.
169. Rt. Ex. Comp. W. J. Fuller.
175. V. Ex. Comp. Z. R. Fulkerson.
198. Rt. Ex. Comp. W. Russell, Rt. Ex. Comp. D. C. Patmore.
205. Rt. Ex. Comp. H. S. Sparks, V. Ex. Comp. J. E. Francis.
212. V. Ex. Comp. A. M. Axler.
215. V. Ex. Comp. T. B. Rogers.
222. V. Ex. Comp. J. Anderson.
232. Rt. Ex. Comp. T. H. Williamson, V. Ex. Comp. F. Power, V. Ex. Comp. R. Fick.
246. V. Ex. Comp. S. J. Totten.
248. Rt. Ex. Comp. A. S. McLaren.
253. Rt. Ex. Comp. A. E. Williamson.
258. V. Ex. Comp. R. Manewell.
260. V. Ex. Comp. W. G. McClure.

To our sister jurisdictions in Canada, the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States of America we extend our sincere sympathy for the loss of their distinguished Companions.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF BRITISH COLUMBIA
- M. Ex Comp. William Carey Ditmars, Hon. Past Grand First Principal.
- M. Ex. Comp. Charles Earl Renecker, Grand First Principal, 1953-1954.

THE GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF ARIZONA
- M. Ex. Comp. William Effingham Hogel, G.H.P. 1943.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF FLORIDA
- M. Ex. Comp. Alex B. Steuart, G.H.P. 1931.
- M. Ex. Comp. Emmett Leroy Shear, G.H.P. 1926.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF GEORGIA ROYAL ARCH MASONS
- M. Ex. Comp. J. Warner Neal, G.H.P. 1941.

THE GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF IDAHO
- M. Ex. Comp. John A. Johnson, G.H.P. 1947.

THE GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF INDIANA
- M. Ex. Comp. Glenn Marsh Smith, G.H.P. 1935.

THE GRAND CHAPTER ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF LOUISIANA
- M. Ex. Comp. Arthur Dovic Jr., Grand Master Third Veil.
- M. Ex. Comp. Julius O. Hedt., G.H.P. 1953.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF MARYLAND
- M. Ex. Comp. James Hammer Falk, G.H.P. 1957.
- M. Ex. Comp. Charles Henry Welden, Honourary Past Grand High Priest.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF NOVA SCOTIA
- M. Ex. Comp. John William Logan, G.H.P. 1923-1924.

THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS
- M. Ex. Comp. Ray Vaughn Denslow, General Grand High Priest 1942-46.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OHIO
- M. Ex. Comp. Willard T. Francis, G.H.P. 1944-1945.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF OKLAHOMA
M. Ex. Comp. Walter Moore Rainey, G.H.P. 1933-1934.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF SOUTH DAKOTA
M. Ex. Comp. Earl F. Harrington, G.H.P. 1941.
M. Ex. Comp. Harry W. Speight, G.H.P. 1950.

THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF WISCONSIN
M. Ex. Comp. Edward Taylor Hayhurst, G.H.P. 1920.

DEATHS—1960

Chapter

1. D. A. Cox, A. J. Terry, H. J. Milne, Hamilton Edgar, C. H. Hall, A. E. Hunt, R. M. Seymour.
2. H. P. Middleton, J. A. Bauer, A. D. Baillie, A. Agnew, J. McQueen, W. Turner, S. H. Preston, V. Morrow, L. Lawton, R. A. E. Bright, T. A. Graham, J. M. Firth, H. F. Harvey, W. H. Bates.
3. S. H. Rowed, Ernest Thomson, E. T. Rhame, Samuel McCoy, J. B. Orr, Henry Maul, G. Hexter, Clarence H. Wickerson, W. H. Graham, J. H. T. Dennis.
4. A. A. Richardson, Norman Knight, R. E. Cain, W. F. Eccles, Henry Taylor, W. F. Field, E. Y. Hitchison, L. G. Jackson, E. P. Smith.
5. Frank Swain, S. M. Taggart, John Willis, Jay G. Steele, J. A. Anderson.
6. W. O. Mills, Chas. L. Mills, Edward Hilton.
7. E. A. Cherry, Neil H. Robb, J. W. Griswold, W. H. F. Ketcheson, W. G. Black, F. W. Rathman, H. J. Milne.
8. A. H. Gray, E. C. Bouner, F. J. Hunt, W. L. Dickson.
15. H. W. Potter, J. Morris, F. C. Chambers, Reg. G. R. Bell, H. F. Holland.
16. D. A. Bonshor, A. G. Cadzer, W. T. Pritchard, W. G. Moore, A. L. Manary, D. A. Bonshor, R. M. Armstrong, H. L. Langdon, A. E. Knight, C. K. McElroy.
18. C. Matheson, M. E. Milton.
19. J. R. Sinclair, D. A. Cameron, E. McMurray, Charles Longhurst.
20. T. W. Weller, L. J. Stuart, J. F. Anguish, Samuel Seago, R. G. Scott, W. Willson.
22. A. Johnston.
23. W. B. Hurst, S. Goodwin.
24. A. G. Pettie, L. H. Morgan, L. A. Taylor, A. J. Moorehouse, A. Plummer, F. M. Hider, F. A. Copus, Fred Mee, A. Parkinson.
26. Norman E. Bellyou, F. J. Henwricks, R. G. Weddell.
27. W. A. Chatterson, C. R. Brooks, D. A. Brown, J. Allen, F. H. Beynon.
28. D. L. Jackson, Roy F. Lick, W. J. Greggs, W. Stevens, E. W. Whiting, A. Norton, A. R. Stamnah, C. J. Pirie.
30. J. A. MacDonald, W. N. Hill, W. E. Bushell, A. T. Allin.
31. A. S. Tozer, M. Grant Thompson, P. Collier, M. B. Parks.
32. D. T. Wilson, J. Weepers, E. H. Anderson, T. J. Taylor, H. R. Eaton, C. R. Mudge.
34. H. J. Peterson, T. R. H. Hamilton, E. Ayers, J. D. Wisdom, J. R. Wheeler.
35. D. W. Smith.
36. W. T. Henry, J. K. Hughes, A. W. Austin, G. K. Fraser, A. E. Watkins.
37. Frank King, S. J. Batt, R. W. Smart, H. W. Mitchell, E. B. Lingard.
40. A. C. Hall, J. Gould, J. G. Grieve, G. M. Binks.
44. E. M. Horton.
45. Harry I. Mayhew.
46. J. N. Robinson, E. M. Crosthwaite, G. Thompson, N. V. Johnston, H. E. Watt.

47. D. A. Bennie, J. H. Walsh, C. N. Ashton, Frank Brown, William M. Abraham, E. N. Fremlin.
48. T. E. Weir, J. A. Nicoll.
53. R. W. Bygrove, F. J. Russell.
54. H. Corbett, W. K. Boakin, Hugh McIntyre, J. L. Belmore, N. Richardson, H. B. Mathews, W. J. Stedwell, A. Pletsch, A. E. Maxwell, W. W. Taylor.
55. F. W. Epps, J. R. Constable.
56. J. E. Taylor, A. L. Danan, W. E. Dickens.
59. A. J. Murray, E. A. Parsons, Karl N. Paupst, Harold F. Gardiner, D. M. Ross, J. Cairns, F. S. Reynolds, G. Wickware.
61. A. H. Whitton, W. H. Morton, R. H. McMullen, Robert L. Smithson, K. N. Paupst.
62. Bruce Simpson, E. A. Elves, J. E. Frances.
63. I. Donpe, R. J. Kincaid.
64. H. L. Cudney, Allen Brooks.
65. R. R. Waddell, W. D. M. Enouy, A. R. Jackson, A. L. Crassin, H. C. Tugwell.
66. Chas. A. Adams.
67. A. R. Smith.
68. T. Gibson, A. R. Griffiths.
69. T. A. Flett.
71. William J. Craig, J. A. Cook, L. J. Pellypiece, R. P. Jones.
72. J. S. Whitehead, William L. Anderson.
73. G. S. Bieber, G. W. Barnwell, Angus Graham.
74. Archie McAlpine.
75. Harvey Dixon, J. R. Tate, L. G. Needham.
76. J. W. Lyon, A. F. Payne.
77. C. Nelson, William A. Robinson, J. H. Winnett, W. Fisher, C. G. Holloway, W. I. Millar, R. Falconer, W. R. Edwards, T. J. Mackeown, P. W. Calvert, William H. Lodge, E. Ogilvie, Herbert Hirst, J. F. Wood, N. S. M. Enouy.
78. J. Germotle.
79. H. G. Dyett, F. F. Saunders.
80. G. J. Dick, W. R. Bray, S. William Aiken, E. R. Musselman, F. S. Bertram, W. H. Cantelon, G. S. Porter, G. W. Fraser.
81. Chas. A. Brooks, R. B. McKenney, C. William Massey, Harry R. Moffatt.
82. John Wallace, A. E. Holland, H. Collins, S. H. Sanderson.
83. J. W. Nesbitt, J. T. Thomas.
84. William H. Phair, G. L. Bisbee, W. A. Golbraith, J. J. McGee.
88. R. Turner, Perry Shaw, G. A. Forshee.
90. J. W. Pearson, Chas. Quinton, James Colbert.
94. Elgin King, S. William Gould, F. Crichton.
95. M. C. Workmon, A. J. Haycock, G. E. McVittie, D. H. Haight, T. H. Rowe, A. A. Jackson.
102. T. H. Pickering, G. E. Hall, Lionel Keith, William Bell Plaunt, D. A. Williams, A. H. Clark.
103. J. K. Garrath, F. E. Ginn, R. L. McIntosh, G. M. Parks, William R. Edwards.
112. L. O. Piper.
113. Neil Thom, A. W. Campbell, Eamer Daye, R. F. Taylor, F. Winterburn, C. S. MacKinnon, J. B. Hackney, S. M. Gray.
114. J. D. Craigie.
115. Thomas Gregg, G. E. Taylor.
116. T. J. Steele, J. A. L. Barr, H. McNeely Morris.
117. Edward Payne, G. G. Armstrong, J. W. Bailey, William M. O. Lochrad, L. A. Galloway.
119. Guy Lockwood, O. C. Dales, William R. Dewar.
129. F. Porterfield.

131. William Colder, W. M. Newman, R. Cooley.
132. E. G. Bishop, J. H. Stanton.
133. H. C. Imerson, G. A. Bell, W. H. Thompson, D. R. McDonald, H. G. Sheldon, M. L. Perry, H. W. Aunger.
134. J. R. Will.
135. R. W. Pollock, D. A. Turner.
138. T. C. Howard, J. R. Jackson, G. H. S. Clarke, F. J. Scriven, W. J. Coulter.
140. J. Johnston, G. Erickson, A. A. Slater, A. O. Lake, A. E. Hainsworth.
143. W. R. MacEwen, J. H. Munro.
145. N. Whitworth, C. W. Orr, B. Bodin, S. Worth, C. S. Hamilton, J. Fraser, J. J. Kierman, N. Rowland, R. H. Dee, W. Downey, F. Powers, A. W. Brown, P. M. Lamb, C. F. Bolton, W. T. Stewart.
146. R. W. Whitfield.
147. A. C. Agnew, Donald A. Gall.
148. George Chalmers, C. P. Carmody, J. O. Dufresne.
149. W. H. Patterson, E. S. Fairbanks, R. J. Corrigan.
150. A. E. Wilson.
151. F. L. Jones.
152. Colin Russell.
153. G. E. Norman, E. Hackett.
155. W. F. Patterson, H. K. Begg, R. Johnston.
161. William A. Davy, N. A. R. Green, W. E. Tummon, G. D. Baldwin.
163. G. F. Allen, Fred Shuker, W. S. Enouy, W. H. Ford.
164. A. W. Smith, Henry Miller.
167. Merrit N. J. Dedman, G. A. Beck.
168. E. J. Wilmonk, P. C. Denyis.
169. W. H. Walker, A. M. Turner, George Gill, E. D. Lott, J. Houston, A. W. Sanderson.
175. B. R. Marsales, A. J. Taylor, Z. R. Fulkerson.
184. C. E. Butler, Ira F. Atwood, E. H. Shaubel, R. R. Bowen, W. Stamp.
195. John Delzell, W. G. McClure.
205. R. J. Lang, H. S. Spark, J. E. Francis.
210. J. A. McConnell, Thomas Faulkner, A. Christie.
212. E. P. Bernstein, Murray Cohen, J. Leperman, L. Garson.
213. Henry Birkenshaw, A. W. Smith.
214. P. S. Kingston.
215. George Sharpe, W. Turner, J. Francishinie.
217. G. K. Hurd, G. T. Brick, T. J. Johnson, W. J. M. Lloyd.
220. W. R. Ellins, J. T. Phillips, E. Cullen, W. J. H. Hawkins.
221. A. A. McArthur, Murray Allan.
222. F. William Slremes, J. A. Brown, R. R. Hewit, J. N. C. Ritchie, W. F. Fumerton, C. W. Hill, S. D. Hill, H. A. Crain, C. G. Keyes, J. Rankin.
224. J. Bigrigg, F. J. McClurkin.
225. Robert Forster, D. William McCann, Victor Moody, C. Bannerman Jr., R. W. Buckner, W. C. Gurney, W. T. Cook, C. H. Stock.
226. W. L. Dickson.
227. D. E. Fisher.
230. S. B. Bradley, D. E. Daniels.
231. Simeon Cull, W. J. Hanley, H. L. Davy, D. C. Moncrieff, John Wilson, M. L. Martyn.
232. Fred Power, R. I. Johnston, R. Fick.
233. C. F. Bolton, H. R. Pollock.
236. R. F. Martindale.
238. D. T. Deans, Richard Hatton, Fred Taylor, W. J. F. Fortner, H. N. Deas.
239. W. J. A. Emerick, A. V. Hornick.
240. F. F. Hays, J. N. Smith.
241. Wesley B. Redfern, Vincent Voaden, W. S. M. Enouy.

243. J. H. Murray.
245. E. E. Bricker, H. F. Russ.
246. C. H. Wiles, S. J. Totten, C. M. Richardson.
247. J. E. Rogers, F. H. Muir, J. H. Ayers.
249. C. W. Slemon.
250. C. A. Bray, J. H. Taylor, R. S. Baird, Paul Kisch, Finley Munroe, Harry Fyall, E. R. Musselman, Jeffery Kearn, William Harvard, B. F. Russell, Harold Russell, W. R. Smith, Jas. B. Roach.
251. S. J. Trim.
251. N. W. McCartney.
252. Thomas Mattingley, F. G. Chambers.
253. J. J. Davison, A. E. Williamson, Lawrence E. Wedd.
254. A. E. Hainswoith, John Skene, E. R. McIntosh.
255. R. Corner.
257. D. J. Nesbitt.
260. W. Garfield McClure.

GRAND CHAPTER "CALLED OFF"

Grand Chapter was "Called Off" at 4.30 o'clock p.m. to permit the delegates to select their Grand Superintendent and elect the officers of Grand Chapter for the ensuing year and the next place of meeting.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 1961

Grand Chapter was "Called On" at 9.30 o'clock a.m.

ELECTION REPORT

At the One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario held in the Royal York Hotel, City of Toronto, Ontario, on April 18 and 19, 1961, the following officers and committees were elected and appointed.

V. Ex. Comp. J. A. Prince, Chairman, and V. Ex. Comp. S. Solley, Vice-Chairman, presented the results of the election as follows:

R. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Emmett.....Grand Z.
1310 Tecumseh Park Drive, Port Credit, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay.....Grand H.
165 Victoria Ave. N., Listowel, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. James E. Girven.....Grand J.
581 Weller St., Peterborough, Ontario.
} Council Grand

GRAND CHAPTER OFFICERS, 1961

R. Ex. Comp. Rev. David Kerr.....Grand Chaplain
290 Kipling Ave. N., Islington, Ontario.
M. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Dean.....Grand Treasurer
244 Holton Ave. S., Hamilton, Ontario.
M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle.....Grand Scribe E.
Apt. 206, 111 Oriole Parkway, Toronto 7, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. Arthur D. Bates.....Grand Scribe N.
1943 Verdun Ave., Windsor, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. Leslie C. Ewener.....Grand Principal Sojourner
1308 London Rd., Sarnia, Ontario.
R. Ex. Comp. William J. Webber.....Grand Registrar
24 Florida Crescent, Weston, Ontario.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Elected

R. Ex. Comp. F. Carl Ackert, 1 Lincoln Ave., Galt, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Reg. J. Lewis, 421 St. Clarens Ave., Toronto, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. G. Harold Shannon, 30 Spetz St., Kitchener, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Lloyd B. Gillespie, 410 Eden Ave., Ottawa, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Stanley Portch, RR No. 2, 5050 Walker's Line, Milton, Ont.

GRAND SUPERINTENDENTS

The nominations for Grand Superintendents were submitted to the Most Excellent Grand Z., who was pleased to approve, and the following selections were confirmed:

St. Clair District No. 1	R. Ex. Comp. Bill White, Wheatley, Ont.
London District No. 2	R. Ex. Comp. Cameron Terry Smith, Inwood P.O., Ont.
Wilson District No. 3	R. Ex. Comp. Peter Worthington 35 Abigail Ave., Brantford, Ont.
Wellington District No. 4	R. Ex. Comp. Donald Van Norman, 11 Sunset Dr., Orangeville, Ont.
Hamilton District No. 5	R. Ex. Comp. Gordon K. Brown, 8 Dunn St. S., Oakville, Ont.
Huron District No. 6	R. Ex. Comp. John William McFadyen, Tiverton, Ont.
Niagara District No. 7	R. Ex. Comp. William Southward Coolin, 18 Cameron Drive, St. Catharines, Ont.
Toronto East District No. 8	R. Ex. Comp. John J. Mahaffey, Box 23, Ringwood, Ont.
Toronto West District No. 8A	R. Ex. Comp. Bryan Cyril Alford, 42 Forthbridge Crescent, Downsview, Ont.
Georgian District No. 9	R. Ex. Comp. Gordon George Sinclair, Box 292, Wiarton, Ont.
Ontario District No. 10	R. Ex. Comp. Albert Wm. Watkins, 563 Arndon Ave., Peterboro, Ont.
Prince Edward District No. 11	R. Ex. Comp. Harold Frederick Burke, 105 Byron St., Trenton, Ont.
St. Lawrence District No. 12	R. Ex. Comp. John Keith Forbes, Box 15, Kemptville, Ont.
Ottawa District No. 13	R. Ex. Comp. John Joseph Carpenter, 15 Cornelia St., Smiths Falls, Ont.
Algoma District No. 14	R. Ex. Comp. Ernest Maitland Newman, 226-4th St. N., Kenora, Ont.
New Ontario District No. 15	R. Ex. Comp. Horace Wilson Walker, 118 Breton Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
Temiskaming District No. 16	R. Ex. Comp. John Connell Kincade, Iroquois Hotel, Iroquois Falls, Ont.

NEXT PLACE OF MEETING

The One Hundred and Fourth Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Toronto, Ontario, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 10 and 11, 1962, commencing at ten o'clock in the forenoon as per Section 20 of the Constitution.

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON MEMBERSHIP

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your committee is glad to report that after a net loss in membership of 116 in the previous year, 1960 shows a net gain of 42. While this is indeed a modest increase, it is at least a reversal of last year's experience and it is to be hoped that we shall now go forward with renewed vigor to build up our membership.

There is room for improvement in all factors affecting the growth of our net membership which a close study of the following Ten Year Statistical Report and the subsequent discussion will reveal. It is hoped that the Companions will give heed to the suggestions given. Please note

that the figures for 1959 have been adjusted to give effect to the footnote to the official statement of Chapter Returns shown in the 1960 Proceedings:

TEN YEAR ANALYSIS OF MEMBERSHIP RECORDS

Year	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Total Additions	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Total Deletions	Net Increase or Decrease	Membership End of Year
1951	1,047	81	38	1,166	171	184	502	857	309	20,958
1952	1,051	100	34	1,185	189	197	463	849	336	21,294
1953	1,139	75	46	1,260	214	169	400	783	477	21,771
1954	1,045	86	34	1,165	234	151	453	838	327	22,098
1955	952	55	31	1,038	175	188	475	838	200	22,298
1956	943	73	22	1,038	223	182	497	902	136	22,434
1957	879	78	27	984	242	150	536	928	56	22,490
1958	902	99	20	1,021	228	152	503	883	138	22,628
1959	928	70	16	1,014	429	205	496	1,130	—116	22,512
1960	828	72	32	932	222	131	537	890	42	22,554

A review of the records for 1960 by districts shows that ten districts had an increase of 145 members, but offsetting this, seven districts showed a decrease of 103 members, resulting in a net gain of only 42 members for the jurisdiction.

Similarly, an analysis by Chapters reveals that fifteen showed no change. Seventy-three showed an increase of 331, but seventy showed a decrease of 289, again proving a net increase for the year of 42.

Even the most casual study of these figures plainly indicate that those Chapters showing losses, and many of them consistently doing so, should pay particular attention to the following discussion and endeavour to institute measures to reverse the trend and so grow in strength and purpose.

It is also suggested that the Grand Superintendents of districts showing losses give careful thought to the causes of decreasing membership in their districts and give guidance and leadership in an effort to revitalize those Chapters which are constantly slipping behind. Let us hasten to note, however, that all districts even those showing consistent gains, have Chapters showing decreasing membership that should be given the same guidance and support.

The following comments on the factors affecting membership are given in the hope that the Companions will become more aware of the measures that must be taken to increase our membership and so improve our standing and influence in the Masonic family.

Admissions

Note that new admissions were only 828, down 100 from the previous year. This is a very serious reduction, being the lowest number of admissions since the war year of 1943. We are not adequately fulfilling our mission of bringing brethren to light in the Royal Arch. This is the responsibility of every Companions and if even every Companion-in-office in every Chapter would but bring one brother to light during the year we would have a record of admissions of which we could be justly proud. Be assured there is no lack of material for the Temple if we but expand the labour.

Joinings

Once again a figure of 72 joinings for the year is lower than we hoped for. It is an increase of two over the previous year, but still represents only a small proportion of those we lose by withdrawal every year.

Some of these withdrawals are caused by Companions moving into other areas. If we would but seek out such unaffiliated Royal Arch Masons many of them could be restored to membership, materially increasing our record of joinings.

Restorations

Restoration of 32 is a great improvement over last year, but is still only 25 per cent of our loss by suspension. We are simply not following up suspended members as we should. Here is a worthwhile project for the Chapter Membership Committee. Many of these members have allowed themselves to be suspended through sheer neglect. Many of them can be restored if we but make the effort to follow through.

Withdrawals

Two hundred and twenty-two Royal Arch Companions were allowed to resign from the Royal Craft and voluntarily give up the benefits and privileges of membership. Some no doubt resigned to affiliate with other Chapters, but only a small proportion according to our records. The rest are preventable losses. If we were consistently to follow up requests for demits many would be cancelled. If the withdrawal is because of moving to another locality the nearest Chapter should be advised so it can follow up and extend an invitation and a welcome.

Suspensions

Indifference and neglect are the major causes of suspensions which reduced our membership by 131 last year. But is it indifference and neglect only on the part of the suspended member, or is it also on the part of our Chapters and Companions in letting them go? These also are preventable losses. We must contact such members, find the cause of lack of interest, extend the hand of friendship and win them back active membership.

Deaths

Last year our loss by death was 537, the highest in the history of our Grand Chapter. As pointed out before, we must face a high loss for several years due to the older average age of our members. This is the one factor affecting membership over which we have no control, but should be a convincing reason to all of us for redoubling our efforts to bring new and younger brethren in greater numbers into our Chapters.

Recommendations

Your committee suggests that our Companions be made acquainted with the need for their active co-operation in the work of membership. As recommended on other occasions, each Chapter should have a strong and active committee which should bring the foregoing suggestions to the attention of the Companions. Your committee feels that if the Companions were alerted to the means of increasing membership, both by improving admissions, affiliations and restorations and by cutting down preventable losses and inspired to a consistent effort, the record of membership would be greatly improved.

We cannot expect the few to bring results. All the Companions must do their part, and their interest and enthusiasm can be sustained and maintained only by the constantly reiterated call to work by Grand Chapter officers and those who have opportunities of influencing the Companions.

Grand Superintendents

Your committee wishes to express its appreciation to the Grand Superintendents for their interest and support. They are the Grand Chapter officers who have the most contact with the Chapters and Companions and have greater opportunities to carry the message of membership throughout the jurisdiction. The record of membership must, to a large extent, reflect the measure of their co-operation and dedication to the task.

However, a single year in office is a short time in which to accomplish great results, and it is earnestly suggested that after the expiry of their term of office the Grand Superintendents continue and maintain their interest in membership by offering the benefit of their knowledge and experience to their successors.

Conclusion

Membership for membership's sake is not the purpose of your committee. Bearing in mind the very large percentage of Craft brethren who have not received the knowledge and benefits of th Royal Craft, and remembering the admonition to bring "light and knowledge to uninformed brethren," it feels that we are failing in our mission unless we bring a greater percentage of such brethren to the light.

That calls fcr the interest, the effort and the dedication of every Companion, and it is the hope of your committee that by their co-operation and support the record of the years ahead will show greater improvement and more gratifying results.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

F. R. MARTIN,
J. G. CRUICKSHANK,
D. HUFF,
S. R. L. NEWMAN,
A. J. HIGGINS,
J. RALPH,
C. E. GRIFFEN,
F. J. JOHNSON, Vice-Chairman.
A. F. TANNAHILL, Chairman.

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. A. F. Tannahill, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Special Committee on Membership be received and adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS AND GREETINGS

Letters were received conveying greetings and expressing regrets for non-attendance from:

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois—
Most Ex. Comp. William E. Crouch, Grand High Priest.
Most Ex. Comp. Lyle R. Melvin, Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Virginia—
Companion Carl Frank Wood, Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Ohio—
Most Ex. Comp. Keith Porter, Grand High Priest.
Most Ex. Comp. James A. Gorham, Past Grand High Priest, our Grand Representative.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Florida—
Most Ex. Comp. J. Phelps, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Vermont—
Most Ex. Comp. Walker E. Miles, Grand High Priest.
Most Ex. Comp. A. H. Grout, Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Maryland—
Most Ex. Comp. D. Ross Vansant Jr., Grand Secretary.

Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alberta—
Most Ex. Comp. H. B. Wilks, Grand Z.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia—
Most Ex. Comp. J. R. Mitchell, Grand Z.
Most Ex. Comp. A. E. Baker, Grand Scribe E.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Brunswick—
Most Ex. Comp. Sidney W. Sheppard, Grand Z.
Most Ex. Comp. Roy E. Crawford, Grand Scribe E.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia—
Most Ex. Comp. F. A. Van Iderstine, Grand High Priest.
Most Ex. Comp. Harold F. Sipprell, Grand Secretary.
The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Quebec—
Most Ex. Comp. J. Moorcraft, Past Grand Z.
Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan—
Most Ex. Comp. J. Heddle Sinclair, Grand Z.
Most Ex. Comp. A. A. Wilson, Grand Scribe E.
Supreme Council 33 Degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Dominion of Canada—
Dr. James Simpson, Sovereign Grand Commander.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON GEOGRAPHICAL SURVEY

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Members of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your committee on the question of Geographical Survey are pleased to submit the following report:

After lengthy discussions your committee feels this very important question should have greater analysis and therefore would like to recommend, first, that a committee be reappointed to bring in another report; second, that the new Superintendents be directed to discuss the question of Geographical Survey with all the Chapters of their respective Districts and report no later than December 31, 1961, their findings to the chairman of the Geographical Survey Committee.

It is hoped by this method that the new committee will then be able to present a more comprehensive report next year.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

J. E. GIRVEN,
J. L. HOUSE,
M. A. SEARLE,
A. F. TANNAHILL,
C. W. EMMETT, Chairman.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. J. L. House, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Geographical Survey be received and adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON CONSTITUTION, LAWS AND JURISPRUDENCE

To the Most Excellent the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.

Most Excellent Sir and Companions:

Your Committee on Constitution, Laws and Jurisprudence submits its report as follows:

Most Excellent Companion M. A. Searle has presented the following notices of motion to amend the Constitution of Grand Chapter:

1. That Section 140 of the Constitution be amended by adding thereto the following paragraph:

"The Commutation Fee to Grand Chapter for Honourary Membership permitted under Section No. 249 shall be twenty dollars ($20.00)."

2. That Section 249 of the Constitution be amended by deleting the words "or the fee may be commuted as in the case of a life member (see Section 246)" in the last two lines thereof and substituting therefor the following:

"or the fee may be commuted by payment to Grand Chapter of the Commutation Fee for honourary membership as provided by Section 140."

There is no legal objection to these amendments being submitted to Grand Chapter for consideration.

Fraternally submitted.

JOHN M. BURDEN, Chairman.

Moved by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, seconded by M. Ex. Comp. J. M. Burden, and—

Resolved—That the report of the Committee on Constitutional Laws and Jurisprudence be received and adopted.

MOTIONS—AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

M. Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle presented the following notice of motions:

1. That Section 140 of the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended by adding thereto the following paragraph: "The Commutation Fee to Grand Chapter for Honourary Membership permitted under Section No. 249 shall be twenty dollars ($20.00).

2. That Section 249 of the Constitution of Grand Chapter be amended by deleting the words, "or the fee may be commuted as in the case of a life member see Section 246," and substituting therefor the following: "or the fee may be commuted by payment to Grand Chapter of the Commutation Fee for honourary membership as provided by Section 140."

It was moved by M. Ex. Comp. M. A. Searle, seconded by R. Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett, and—

Resolved—That the foregoing amendments be adopted. Carried.

OFFICERS INSTALLED AND INVESTED

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden installed and invested the newly elected officers of Grand Chapter, including the Grand Superintendents of the several Districts, and they were proclaimed and saluted according to ancient custom.

VOTE OF THANKS

It was moved by R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay, second by R. Ex. Comp. James E. Girven, and—

Resolved—That the thanks of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario be extended to:

The Credential Committee, under the direction of R. Ex. Comp. J. W. Woodland, for the efficient manner in which they carried out their duties;

The Scrutineers, under the direction of V. Ex. Comp. A. J. Prince, for their services in taking charge of the Election of Officers;

General Chairman and Sub-Committees for their untiring and successful success and achievements;

The Installing Board, under the direction of M. Ex. Comp. J. M. Burden, and the Past Grand Z.'s and to all those who have contributed to the success of our One Hundred and Third Annual Convocation.

APPOINTED TO OFFICE

The following appointments have been made by Most Ex. Comp. C. W. Emmett:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Appointed

R. Ex. Comp. George A. Phillips Jr., 39 Daniel St., Smiths Falls, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Andrew F. Nisbet Jr., 17 Sturton Rd., Weston, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. John A. Kennedy, 1601 Stoneybrook Cres., N., London, Ont.
R. Ex. Comp. Percy S. Jannison, 633 Albert St. E., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. Wellington Smith, Fort Frances, Ont.

ASSISTANT OFFICERS—Appointed

R. Ex. Comp. W. E. Gardner ..... Grand Lecturer
18 Littlewood Cres., Etobicoke, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Arthur McDougall ..... Grand Sr. Sojourner
285 Royal York Rd., Mimico, Toronto 14, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. George Joynt ..... Grand Jr. Sojourner
Lucknow, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Herbert J. McCaw ..... Grand Sword Bearer
381 Manor Rd. E., Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Alfred House ..... Grand Master Fourth Veil
143 Oxford St., Woodstock, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. John Meldrum ..... Grand Master Third Veil
45 Hopewell Ave., Ottawa, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Harry E. Adler ..... Grand Master Second Veil
R.R. 8, Picton, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. W. D. Harrison ..... Grand Master First Veil
270 Oak Park Ave., Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Gordon Horner ..... Grand Standard Bearer
71 Ranstone Gardens, Scarborough, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. C. E. Wells ..... Grand Dr. of Ceremonies
3 Glendarling Ave., Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Laverne Fortner ..... Assistant Dr. of Ceremonies
161 Dennis Ave., Lambeth, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. E. J. Eveleigh ..... Grand Organist
P.O. Box 34, Aurora, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Gordon McConnell ..... Grand Pursuivant
30 Rolph Rd., Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Ernest Gorrell ..... Grand Steward
Port Elgin, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Frank B. Johnson ..... Grand Steward
R.R. 2, Moorefield, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Douglas Gerald Horne ..... Grand Steward
84 Cope St. N., Hamilton, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Thomas Simpson ..... Grand Steward
333 Church St., Fort Frances, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Ronald Nudds ..... Grand Steward
Box 352, Blenheim, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. G. Rutherford McBride ..... Grand Steward
7 Thornwood Rd., Apt. 209, Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Reginald Ash ..... Grand Steward
P.O. Box 86, Dunnville, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. George Tucker ..... Grand Steward
32a Hume St., London, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. Robert C. Walker ..... Grand Steward
St. George, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. John Albert McMeekin ..... Grand Steward
1207 Second Ave. A West, Owen Sound, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. K. R. Colwell ..... Grand Steward
188 Brander Ave., Wallaceburg, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. G. D. Grieve ..... Grand Steward
Room 220, King Edward Hotel, 88 Elgin St., Box 157, Sudbury, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. E. A. Lavery ..... Grand Steward
20 Main St., Kirkland Lake, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. W. H. King ..... Grand Steward
208 Bayview Ave., Toronto 17, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. G. W. Ostrander ..... Grand Steward
52-15th St., New Toronto, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. W. P. Mitchell ..... Grand Steward
88 Grosvenor Ave. S., Hamilton, Ont.

V. Ex. Comp. C. M. McNeil ..... Grand Steward
R.R. No. 2, Port Colborne, Ont.
V. Ex. Comp. James G. Ruston ..... Steward
164 James St. E., Brockville.
V. Ex. Comp. W. J. Stewart ..... Grand Outer Guard
59 Symington Ave., Toronto 9, Ont.

GRAND Z.'s INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Most Excellent Sirs, Members of Grand Council, Distinguished Guests, My Companions:

May I first express my sincere appreciation for the honour you have conferred upon me in my election to the office of Grand First Principal.

I am fully cognizant of the great honour and the responsibilities attached to this office and above all, the prestige and reputation we enjoy and the manner in which our illustrious Past Grand First Principals have, done through the years, maintained to such a high degree the principles of our time-honoured institution.

To my Companions I pledge my undivided loyalty and attention in the discharge of my responsibilities. I feel quite sure that with the continued blessings and co-operation of all of my Companions, the loyalty and support of our officers and the guidance of our Past Grand First Principals and, above all, the blessings of the Great Jehovah we will carry out the affairs of Grand Chapter in a manner pleasing to all.

It is only proper at this time that I should present to you, my Companions, the proposed programme of your Grand Council for the ensuing year.

1. Fully realizing the great concern so many Chapters have expressed regarding the accuracy of the records in the Grand Scribe's office versus their own records, we propose immediately following Grand Chapter, in co-operation with our Grand Scribe, to review the entire structure of this office and take the necessary steps to bring the records and operation of the office up to a status of efficiency.

2. I propose to establish a system of Masonic Education with the sole purpose of assisting the District Superintendents and the respective Chapters.

(a) I propose a Grand Chapter Committee to be composed of the Grand Council (Grand Z., Grand H. and Grand J.), the Grand Lecturer, a chairman and one other Companion, both to be appointed by the Grand Z.

(b) Within each District a committee on Masonic Education consisting of a District chairman and two other Companions, all to be appointed by the Grand Z.

(c) That the First Principal of each Chapter be requested to establish within the framework of his respective Chapter a chairman of Masonic Education whose function will be to improve the work of his respective Chapter by calling upon the District chairman with his committee as often as necessary.

It must be made abundantly clear the sole purpose of this Masonic Education Committee is to put within the framework of each District an active committee of Grand Chapter whose sole purpose will be to assist the Grand Superintendent and the various Chapters, and its value can only be measured by the acceptance and co-operation between Grand Chapter, its committee members and the individual Chapter.

It is the desire of your new Council by appointing such a committee that we will be better able to serve.

Finally, may I express my deep appreciation to Most Excellent Companion John M. Burden for his kindness in heading up the Installation Board, to all those who so graciously accepted a portion of the work, to my First Principal, officers and Companions of Occident Chapter who have continually been a source of encouragement.

"Capitular Masonry is deeply rooted and imbedded in the hoary ages of the past. Its foundations are built on solid ground."

"Let us not spend too much time looking backward, however glorious the past may have been. Let us not, on the other hand, waste time in dreaming of a far-distant future, however alluring it may appear. Instead, let us resolve that we, as individuals and Royal Arch Masons, will use the present in the most worthy manner. May each dawn inspire us to use each new day in the way most pleasing to God and most beneficial to our fellow man:

"For yesterday is but a dream
And tomorrow is only a vision;
But today, well lived, makes
Every yesterday a dream of happiness
And every tomorrow a vision of hope.
Look well, therefore, to this day:
Such is the salutation of the dawn."

"So shall we make this imperfect world a little the better for our sojourn in it if we seek faithfully to fulfill, each in himself, the ideal embodied in the opening prayer of the Mark Degree: 'To confess thy faith, be strengthened in hope and established in charity with all mankind'."

The labours of the Annual Convocation being ended, Grand Chapter was closed in Ample Form at 12.30 p.m., Toronto, Ontario, Wednesday, April 19, 1961.

Maurice A. Searle

Grand Scribe E.

Monday evening, April 17, 1961, the Grand Z. M. Ex. Comp. Bruce H. Smith invited his Council, P.G.Z.'s, Executive Committee to a dinner in the Tudor Room, Royal York Hotel, Toronto, to assist him in doing honours to his distinguished guests. At the same time Mrs. Helen Smith and her committee entertained the wives and ladies of our distinguished guests with a dinner, etc. in the Quebec Room, Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

Tuesday evening, April 18, 1961, the annual banquet was held in the Concert Hall of the Royal York Hotel, over 500 Companions and their ladies being present. Our Grand Z. was the chairman and he provided a very interesting programme. The guest speaker was Lt. Col. E. G. Baker, O.B.E., M.C., Managing Director, Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—President

R. Ex. Comp. Fraser Hay ..... Grand H.

(By Virtue of Office)

M. Ex. Comp. Charles W. Emmett ..... Grand Z.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

(By Virtue of Office)

M. Ex. Comp. John M. Burden, Q.C. ..... Grand Z. 1943-44
126 Old Orchard Grove, Toronto 12, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. R. V. Conover, O.B.E. ..... Grand Z. 1945-46
Box 207, Brampton, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. Fred W. Dean ..... Grand Z. 1947-48
244 Holton Ave. S., Hamilton, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. Clarence MacLeod Pitts ..... Grand Z. 1949-50
Tiffany Apts., P.O. Box 374, Ottawa, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. Alexander G. N. Bradshaw ..... Grand Z. 1951-52
655 Waterloo St., London, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. John Loftus House ..... Grand Z. 1955-56
14 Pearson Ave., Toronto 3, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. Maurice A. Searle ..... Grand Z. 1957-58
Apt 206, 111 Oriole Parkway, Toronto 7, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. H. Smith ..... Grand Z. 1959-60
169 Dufferin Ave., Belleville, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. Melville S. Gooderham ..... Hon. Grand Z. 1957
244 Inglewood Dr., Toronto 7, Ont.

M. Ex. Comp. The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Galloway ..... Hon. P. Grand Z. 1958
Scotland

R. Ex. Comp. James E. Girven ..... Grand J.
581 Weller St., Peterborough, Ont.

R. Ex. Comp. Arthur D. Bates ..... Grand Scribe N.
1943 Verdun Ave., Windsor, Ont.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE—Honourary

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1	Ancient Frontenac & Cataraqui,	Kingston	3rd Fri.	R. H. Seymour	T. N. Clarke	308	4	4	1	3	1	7	306	85	—	2
2	The Hiram,	Hamilton	4th Fri.	H. C. H. Rose	E. M. Marshall	212	10	1	1	1	—	15	208	52	—	4
3	St. John's,	London	4th Wed.	G. Phipps	Chas. G. Smuck	247	8	—	—	1	1	10	243	67	—	4
4	The St. Andrew & St. John,	Toronto	1st Mon.	O. B. Dickinson	James Bain	185	3	—	—	2	2	9	175	45	—	10
5	St. George's,	London	4th Fri.	M. G. Trussler	J. A. Kennedy	309	3	2	1	1	1	5	308	118	—	1
6	St. John's	Hamilton	2nd Thurs.	S. G. H. Quiney	Fred Scott	159	8	—	1	1	—	3	164	41	5	—
7	The Moira,	Belleville	1st Tues.	C. S. Louther	S. H. Lennox	250	3	—	—	1	1	7	244	11	—	6
8	King Solomon's,	Toronto	4th Thurs.	W. G. Dobinson	G. McConnell	289	12	1	—	2	—	4	296	72	7	—
15	Wawanosh,	Sarnia	2nd Fri.	J. D. Bald	H. R. Marriott	198	3	—	—	1	—	5	195	26	—	3
16	Carleton,	Ottawa	3rd Wed.	W. Tennant	S. Gilmour	646	35	4	1	8	2	9	667	89	21	—
18	Oxford,	Woodstock	4th Fri.	R. B. Town	R. D. McKenzie	195	5	—	1	—	—	2	199	22	4	—
19	Mount Moriah, St. Catharines		2nd Fri.	L. T. McMann	Arthur Omer	241	6	1	—	7	4	4	233	13	—	8
20	Mount Horeb,	Brantford	3rd Thurs.	W. C. E. Webber	R. W. E. McFadden	170	—	1	—	1	3	6	161	63	—	9
22	Grenville,	Prescott	2nd Tues.	K. M. Laushway	C. P. Laushway	89	5	—	—	2	—	1	91	8	2	—
23	Ezra,	Simcoe	2nd Thurs.	F. L. Grigg	T. C. Holland	157	5	—	—	1	1	2	158	23	1	—
24	Tecumseh,	Stratford	4th Fri.	F. S. Wolfe	G. S. Atkins	243	5	—	—	3	2	9	234	19	—	9
26	St. Mark's,	Trenton	3rd Tues.	K. Hutchinson	G. Thompson	148	4	—	—	2	—	3	147	31	—	1
27	Manitou,	Collingwood	4th Wed.	E. J .Taylor	R. H. Davidson	149	4	—	—	2	—	5	146	30	—	3
28	Pentalpha,	Oshawa	1st Tues.	W. F. Boorman	W. R. Jones	253	12	—	—	1	1	8	255	34	2	—
29	McCallum,	Dunnville	3rd Mon.	G. L. Pyle	J. R. H. McCarthy	121	3	—	—	—	1	—	123	4	2	—
30	Huron,	Goderich	3rd Tues.	R. S. Henderson	W. H. Roope	138	5	—	—	—	—	4	139	9	1	—
31	Prince Edward,	Picton	3rd Mon.	L. Hagerman	F. R. Greatrix	207	11	—	—	6	2	4	206	4	—	1
32	Waterloo,	Galt	4th Thurs.	J. E. Goatley	G. J. Johnson	158	9	—	—	2	—	6	159	21	1	—
34	Signet,	Barrie	2nd Tues.	D. J. L. Keast	A. G. Bowie	130	6	—	—	—	—	5	131	44	1	—
35	Keystone,	Whitby	2nd Mon.	S. E. Smith	L. F. Campbell	91	4	—	—	—	—	1	94	4	3	—
36	Corinthian,	Peterborough	4th Wed.	J. W. Morrison	D. Miller	336	40	1	—	4	1	5	367	31	31	—
37	Victoria,	Port Hope	2nd Fri.	K. W. Stevenson	C. P. McElroy	164	6	—	—	1	—	6	163	36	—	1
40	Guelph,	Guelph	2nd Fri.	W. Smith	J. A. Robertson	205	5	3	—	4	3	4	202	8	—	3
41	Harris,	Ingersoll	2nd Fri.	I. D. Baskett	L. L. Mansfield	112	2	—	—	—	—	—	114	6	2	—
44	Mount Sinai,	Napanee	3rd Wed.	F. K. Hill	G. L. Brown	126	2	2	—	2	—	1	127	10	1	—
45	Excelsior,	Colborne	1st Fri.	R. E. F. Pacey	W. J. Troop, Jr.	44	—	—	1	—	—	1	44	1	—	—
46	St. James,	St. Mary's	2nd Mon.	V. I. McIntosh	J. W. Durr	77	2	—	—	—	—	5	74	18	—	3

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47	Wellington,	Chatham	2nd Thurs.	R. Meen	H. D. Paulucci	146	6	—	—	2	2	6	142	8	—	4
48	St. John's,	Cobourg	4th Tues.	A. W. Robertson	E. W. Niles	109	3	—	—	1	—	2	109	8	—	—
53	Bruce,	Petrolia	3rd Wed.	P. C. McPhedran	R. M. Story	69	—	—	—	—	—	2	67	6	—	2
54	Palestine,	St. Thomas	2nd Thurs.	D. Pearce	K. S. Woodward	300	15	—	1	1	1	10	304	75	4	—
55	Niagara,	Niagara-on-the-Lake	1st Fri.	J. H. Hutchinson	E. W. Aldridge	69	4	—	1	5	—	2	67	1	—	2
56	Georgian,	Owen Sound	3rd Tues.	G. S. Matthias	Dr. C. J. Baxendale	96	4	—	—	—	—	3	97	24	1	—
57	King Hiram,	Port Colborne	1st Thurs.	Z. J. Shaubel	L. L. Doan	108	7	—	—	—	—	—	115	7	7	—
58	Pembroke,	Mattawa	Inactive			20	—	—	—	—	—	—	20	14	—	—
59	Sussex-St. Lawrence,	Brockville	1st Mon.	F. W. Grant	James G. Ruston	344	9	—	—	3	—	8	342	69	—	2
61	Granite,	Almonte	2nd Thurs.	W. Porter	C. Osborne	91	—	—	1	2	—	5	85	4	—	6
62	York,	Toronto	2nd Fri.	J. M. Hood	H. A. Armstrong	150	3	—	—	3	—	3	147	24	—	3
63	Havelock,	Kincardine	3rd Wed.	G. Downey	H. J. Norman	83	2	1	1	—	—	2	85	3	2	—
64	Wilson,	Welland	1st Wed.	J. C. L. McKeand	R. S. Doan	132	5	1	1	—	—	2	137	2	5	—
65	St. Paul's,	Toronto	2nd Wed.	John F. Boehm	Dr. W. P. Gruer	113	3	1	1	6	—	5	107	19	—	6
66	The Malloch,	Seaforth	3rd Mon.	B. Cooper	Austin Matheson	85	1	—	—	1	—	1	84	1	—	1
67	Enterprise,	Palmerston	2nd Tues.	G. Hunt	A. McGugan	83	6	1	—	2	—	1	87	4	4	—
68	Maitland,	Kemptville	2nd Thurs.	K. Bruce	C. D. Beckett	98	2	—	—	—	1	2	97	2	—	1
69	Grimsby,	Grimsby	1st Mon.	G. A. DeQuetteville	W. Fairbrother	75	2	—	—	—	—	1	76	7	1	—
71	Prince of Wales,	Essex	2nd Fri.	C. Watt	R. C. Brushett	150	5	1	—	1	1	4	150	13	—	—
72	Keystone,	Stirling	4th Thurs.	S. B. Irving	Walter Warren	77	—	—	—	—	—	3	74	7	—	3
73	Erie,	Ridgetown	3rd Mon.	F. Yardley	T. E. Armstrong	101	5	—	—	2	—	3	101	1	—	—
74	Beaver,	Strathroy	1st Mon.	G. C. Searson	A. W. Holt	98	—	—	—	—	—	1	97	11	—	1
75	St. Clair,	Milton	3rd Thurs.	C. Anderson	E. Harrop	87	5	—	—	—	—	3	89	—	2	—
76	Mount Nebo,	Niagara Falls	3rd Fri.	N. Farrington	R. G. Johnston	123	2	—	—	1	—	2	122	60	—	1
77	Occident,	Toronto	2nd Fri.	C. Aikins	S. Bustard	387	3	1	—	—	7	15	369	82	—	18
78	Minnewawa,	Parkhill	3rd Mon.	R. H. Walper	C. J. Fox	101	8	—	—	—	—	1	108	1	7	—
79	Orient,	Toronto	4th Wed.	A. E. O'Halloran	A. O. Cook	96	7	—	—	—	—	2	101	24	5	—
80	Ark,	Windsor	1st Mon.	A. O. Lounsbury	C. W. Flett	322	9	—	1	5	6	8	313	98	—	9
81	Aylmer,	Aylmer	1st Thurs.	F. Bowen	R. E. Moore	120	3	—	—	4	—	4	115	14	—	5
82	Shuniah,	Port Arthur	3rd Wed.	H. G. Blanchard	S. H. Green	282	13	—	—	1	7	4	283	42	1	—
83	Ionic,	Orangeville	4th Tues.	C. W. Eamon	W. J. McCall	98	6	—	—	2	—	2	100	6	2	—
84	Lebanon,	Wingham	3rd Tues.	C. Thompson	A. J. H. MacDonald	99	2	—	—	2	—	4	95	14	—	4
88	MacNabb,	Dresden	4th Tues.	D. F. Smith	H. M. Dunlop	106	4	—	—	2	—	3	105	—	—	1

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90	Golden,	Kenora	4th Wed.	W. O. Fonger	J. F. Bellamy	159	2	—	—	3	1	3	154	9	—	5
91	Toronto-Antiquity,	Toronto	3rd Mon.	W. Dixon	A. Geary	203	1	1	1	3	1	15	187	45	—	16
94	Midland,	Lindsay	3rd Thurs.	L. T. Dunning	L. A. Gilkinson	110	3	—	3	1	2	4	109	29	—	1
95	Tuscan,	Sudbury	2nd Tues.	A. F. Beach	P. A. Coates	330	34	—	—	1	—	6	357	20	27	—
102	Algonquin,	Sault Ste. Marie	1st Fri.	R. B. Bizley	V. B. Bizley	263	13	—	—	3	—	6	267	30	4	—
103	St. John's,	North Bay	1st Thurs.	A. J. Mellis	W. L. Brown	164	5	—	—	1	1	4	163	28	—	1
104	White Oak,	Oakville	2nd Tues.	E. J. Flippance	J. E. Taylor	107	5	—	2	4	1	1	108	3	1	—
110	Warkworth,	Warkworth	2nd Wed.	C. Buchanan	W. J. Newman	52	2	—	—	1	—	—	53	—	1	—
112	St. John's,	Morrisburg	3rd Mon.	G. W. Gorrell	E. J. MacDougal	134	5	—	—	3	—	1	135	9	1	—
113	Covenant,	Cornwall	3rd Wed.	N. G. M. Tuck	G. E. McCutcheon	274	4	—	—	—	3	8	267	24	—	7
114	Bonnechere,	Renfrew	3rd Mon.	J. Joynt	H. Young	98	4	—	—	—	—	1	101	11	3	—
115	Brant,	Paris	3rd Mon.	J. E. Reid	H. J. Broughton	131	3	—	—	—	—	2	132	13	1	—
116	Maple,	Carleton Place	1st Wed.	F. K. McEwen	Reg. I. Cross	124	1	3	—	—	1	3	124	36	—	—
117	Kitchener,	Kitchener	1st Fri.	G. A. Braby	W. E. James	194	2	—	—	2	—	5	189	13	—	5
119	King Cyrus,	Leamington	2nd Wed.	F. Hilton	G. Bloomfield	164	4	1	—	4	—	3	162	25	—	2
129	Elliott,	Mitchell	1st Tues.	H. A. Carter	J. K. Taylor	84	5	—	—	—	1	1	87	7	3	—
130	Chantry,	Southampton	1st Tues.	C. Armstrong	W. H. Gorrell	61	1	1	—	—	2	—	61	3	—	—
131	Amabel,	Wiarton	Last Tues.	R. Keene	Orville Greig	97	4	—	—	4	1	3	93	3	—	4
132	Leeds,	Gananoque	4th Tues.	F. H. Scriviner	R. G. Kelly	104	3	1	—	1	—	2	105	11	1	—
133	St. Francis,	Smith Falls	3rd Fri.	R. S. McLean	C. A. Bailey	186	6	—	—	3	1	7	181	5	—	5
134	King Darius,	Cannington	3rd Wed.	C. E. McPhail	L. G. Parliament	66	1	—	—	—	—	1	66	—	—	—
135	Succoth,	Uxbridge	2nd Thurs.	J. A. Best	H. V. Watson	64	3	—	1	—	1	2	65	7	1	—
138	Shekinah,	Toronto	2nd Tues.	H. W. Clark	R. R. Parsons	250	22	2	—	—	—	6	268	30	18	—
140	Fort William,	Fort William	1st Mon.	A. E. Knox	H. C. Nisbet	163	12	1	—	—	—	5	171	8	8	—
143	Glengarry,	Maxville	4th Fri.	J. N. Fitzgerald	C. B. McDermid	60	1	—	—	—	—	2	59	2	—	1
144	Presqu'ile,	Brighton	3rd Tues.	H. J. Morgan	C. A. Wilson	57	2	—	—	1	—	—	58	3	1	—
145	The St. Patrick,	Toronto	3rd Fri.	R. A. Gibson	J. R. Legecy	392	6	2	—	8	10	15	367	86	—	25
146	Bernard,	Listowel	1st Tues.	H. McDermitt	W. H. Sargent	119	1	1	—	2	1	1	117	3	—	2
147	Lucknow,	Lucknow	2nd Tues.	C. Edmund	James Boyle	77	1	—	—	1	1	2	74	—	—	3
148	St. John's,	Vankleek Hill	1st Fri.	G. D. Watson	M. J. McLeod	94	—	—	1	—	—	3	92	—	—	2
149	Atwood,	Rainy River	3rd Thurs.	V. K. Croxford	A. Warnuk	48	2	—	—	—	—	3	47	1	—	1
150	London,	London	3rd Tues.	W. E. Boyle	J. N. Duffy	167	4	1	—	—	2	1	169	59	2	—
151	Laurentian,	Pembroke	3rd Thurs.	J. E. Brown	L. A. Schultz	158	7	1	—	3	2	1	160	3	2	—
152	Alberton,	Fort Frances	2nd Tues.	C. R. Lyons	D. C. Baldwin	165	1	2	—	2	1	1	164	12	—	1

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153	Sombra,	Wallaceburg	1st Mon.	L. Dredge	J. Burnett	111	8	1	—	1	—	2	117	3	6	—
155	Ancaster,	Ancaster	3rd Tues.	G. Calder	E. L. Walker	86	2	—	—	1	—	3	84	—	—	2
161	Madoc,	Madoc	4th Mon.	H. D. Sears	D. Kernohan	150	3	—	—	—	3	4	146	9	—	4
163	The Beaches,	Toronto	1st Mon.	E. R. Ansell	T. J. Middleton	110	3	1	—	—	1	4	109	17	—	1
164	Lorne,	West Lorne	3rd Fri.	J. H. Rowe	Lloyd C. Butler	88	2	—	1	1	2	2	86	2	—	2
167	Kichikewana,	Midland	2nd Mon.	L. Roberts	H. A. Humphries	150	9	—	—	1	—	2	156	24	6	—
168	Ionic,	Campbellford	3rd Mon.	J. A. McMullen	W. H. Brady	155	5	—	—	—	—	2	158	47	3	—
169	Temiskaming,	New Liskeard	2nd Thurs.	E. A. Pearson	S. R. Crooks	90	3	1	—	1	—	6	87	15	—	3
175	The Hamilton,	Hamilton	3rd Tues.	J. E. Piercy	Howard Ralph	124	3	—	—	—	—	3	124	7	—	—
184	Hugh Murray,	Fort Erie	2nd Tues.	L. A. Mann	John A. Bell	94	5	—	—	—	1	5	93	1	—	1
195	Peel,	Brampton	1st Tues.	J. E. Archdekin	M. G. Williamson	142	5	—	—	4	3	2	138	9	—	4
198	Couchiching,	Orillia	2nd Fri.	J. C. McMurray	H. K. Maynard	167	5	1	—	1	—	5	167	10	—	—
203	Cobalt,	Cobalt	Inactive			78	—	—	—	—	—	—	78	29	—	—
205	Victoria,	Thornhill	1st Wed.	W. S. Hinchley	G. J. Hall	100	8	—	—	—	—	4	104	12	4	—
210	Kitchener,	Russell	1st Fri.	D. Casselman	W. M. Stanley	91	2	—	—	—	—	4	89	14	—	2
212	Mount Sinai,	Toronto	1st Tues.	F. Sheldon	Abraham Fox	389	12	1	1	5	—	4	394	20	5	—
213	Northern Lights,	Timmins	3rd Wed.	F. H. Bowman	C. S. Anderson	142	5	—	—	2	1	—	144	38	2	—
214	Vimy,	Inwood	2nd Mon.	G. McPhail	J. S. Maddock	82	2	—	—	—	—	1	83	11	1	—
215	Mimico,	Mimico	1st Wed.	B. J. Rodd	A. E. Hunt	102	5	—	1	1	—	3	104	7	2	—
217	St. Alban's,	Toronto	4th Fri.	A. H. Baldwin	C. R. Kincaid	135	11	1	—	3	1	4	139	13	4	—
218	Prince Edward,	Shelburne	2nd Thurs.	D. Wake	H. Emrick	59	1	—	—	—	—	—	60	—	1	—
219	Ulster,	Toronto	4th Thurs.	P. K. Taylor	J. L. Hewson	88	5	—	2	—	4	—	91	5	3	—
220	Lebanon,	Lambton Mills	3rd Wed.	H. A. Harris	W. M. Creech	117	5	—	—	2	—	4	116	1	—	1
221	Durham,	Durham	3rd Tues.	W. C. Hutchinson	H. C. McKechnie	48	6	—	—	—	—	2	52	5	4	—
222	Ottawa,	Ottawa	2nd Thurs.	W. H. Waters	W. C. Pescod	315	14	—	—	3	—	10	316	37	1	—
223	Abitibi,	Iroquois Falls	Last Wed.	F. Brown	W. D. I. Went	76	3	2	—	2	—	—	79	—	3	—
224	Keystone,	Hamilton	1st Mon.	E. W. Lawrence	J. S. Drysdale	117	4	—	—	3	—	2	116	21	—	1
225	Beaver,	Toronto	2nd Wed.	J. E. McFadden	John Broadfoot	105	8	1	—	2	—	8	104	1	—	1
226	Prince of Wales,	Perth	3rd Thurs.	W. Kerr	L. V. Wood	142	2	—	—	—	—	1	143	—	1	—
227	Quinte Friendship,	Belleville	2nd Mon.	A. Pierson	Mont. Barlow	207	9	2	—	—	3	1	214	34	7	—
230	Port Credit,	Port Credit	4th Tues.	J. H. Wilton	Ken Denison	91	6	—	—	—	—	2	95	2	4	—
231	The St. Clair,	Toronto	2nd Thurs.	A. Settle	H. W. Powell	206	3	1	—	5	9	6	190	18	—	16
232	King Cyrus,	Toronto	3rd Wed.	F. W. Thom	W. D. Harrison	96	6	—	1	1	—	3	99	8	3	—
233	Oakwood,	Toronto	1st Wed.	E. C. Burrell	Reg. Harris	83	—	1	—	2	—	2	80	2	—	3

No.	Name of Chapter	Where Held	Regular Convocation	First Principal For Year 1960	Scribe E. For Year 1960	Membership 31 Dec., 1959	Admissions	Joinings	Restorations	Withdrawals	Suspensions	Deaths	Membership 31, Dec., 1960	Life Members 31, Dec., 1960	Increase	Decrease
234	Halton,	Georgetown	3rd Wed.	S. Penrice	Jack Addy	122	6	—	—	—	—	—	128	4	6	—
235	Aurora,	Aurora	4th Mon.	F. Hare	E. J. Eveleigh	106	3	—	—	1	—	—	108	9	2	—
236	Caledonia,	Caledonia	4th Thurs.	K. Lang	E. C. Reid	82	5	—	—	—	—	1	86	2	4	—
238	The St. Andrew,	London	4th Thurs.	F. S. Archibald	A. V. Sedgwick	216	10	—	—	2	5	5	214	26	—	2
239	Blenheim,	Bleinheim	1st Wed.	L. Fisher	E. Fryer	92	2	—	—	3	—	2	89	—	—	3
240	Smithville,	Smithville	4th Mon.	W. Haining	S. Magder	43	—	1	—	1	2	2	39	—	—	4
241	University,	Toronto	1st Tues.	A. W. Fox	E. Pickles	111	4	1	—	1	3	3	109	18	—	2
242	St. Paul's,	Lambeth	1st Tues.	S. M. Ellenor	J. B. Lawrence	58	4	2	1	—	—	—	65	—	7	—
243	McKay,	Stoney Creek	2nd Wed.	W. L. Bell	John H. Lee	71	1	—	—	3	—	1	68	4	—	3
245	Preston,	Preston	4th Tues.	F. Barton	L. R. Hertel	69	4	—	—	—	—	2	71	2	2	—
246	Humber,	Weston	3rd Fri.	L. Harron	G. C. Laing	158	4	1	—	6	—	3	154	7	—	4
247	Nilestown,	Nilestown	3rd Thurs.	H. Shiach	G. M. Kirkpatrick	132	9	—	—	—	—	3	138	10	6	—
248	Dochert,	Arnprior	1st Mon.	R. Levi	G. R. Clarke	44	4	—	—	—	—	—	48	1	4	—
249	Palestine,	Bowmanville	3rd Mon.	R. J. Dilling	L. W. Dippell	98	4	—	—	1	1	1	99	3	1	—
250	Thomas Peters,	Windsor	2nd Wed.	H. Particelli	Walter Hockney	277	5	—	—	—	—	13	269	78	—	8
251	Kirkland,	Kirkland Lake	4th Wed.	H. G. Fisk	J. W. Bradley	133	5	1	—	2	2	2	133	15	—	—
252	Hiawatha,	Sarnia	1st Mon.	A. J. Facer	R. A. Bond	169	1	—	2	1	4	2	165	19	—	4
253	Regal,	Port Dover	2nd Wed.	W. C. McNeilly	E. S. Ford	89	3	—	—	1	—	2	89	6	—	—
254	Golden Star,	Dryden	3rd Mon.	P. Dalseg	J. H. Gibson	124	14	—	1	—	1	3	135	—	11	—
255	Tillsonburg,	Tillsonburg	3rd Tues.	M. A. Hicks	C. H. Swatridge	93	5	—	—	1	1	1	95	—	2	—
257	Espanola,	Espanola	3rd Tues.	W. R. Cameron	N. C. Somerville	85	4	—	—	1	—	1	87	3	2	—
258	Tyrian,	Stouffville	1st Thurs.	N. Wagg	Harvey Coathup	22	2	1	—	—	—	—	25	—	3	—
259	Quetico,	Atikokan	2nd Mon.	J. S. Boone	E. I. Swanbergson	41	1	—	—	1	—	—	41	6	—	—
260	Centennial,	Streetsville	4th Mon.	H. B. Banks	V. W. Newman	47	1	—	—	—	—	1	47	1	—	—
	U. D. Seguin,	Parry Sound		E. Lorne Jackson	A. A. Gilchrist	—	13	9	—	—	—	—	22	—	22	—
						22512	828	72	32	222	131	537	22554	2873	331	289

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NOTE: A study of this report will show an increase in our membership of 42.

SUSPENSIONS 1960

1—G. Hannah; 3—W. F. Bowers; 4—J. L. Malloney, Lenny A. Leslie; 5—A. A. G. Cassidy; 7—J. Samain; 16—R. D. Routliffe, K. O. J. Ulrick 19—W. Dyke, S. I. Switzer, E. J. Wiltshire, John Storrie; 20—C. Campbell, Wm. J. V. MacKenzie, G. F. Potter; 23—W. C. S. Boyd; 24—D. O. Hetherington, G. E. Kelly; 28—J. H. Morrison; 29—N. B. Brown; 31—Brian Dodds, D. R. Mortson; 36—W. Aggas; 40—W. A. R. Davis, W. P. Foster, J. F. Brownell; 47—A. A. McDowell, Paul Peters; 54—D. Smoke; 71—J. G. Kivall; 77—W. J. Usher, W. Chard, J. Patterson, Albert Peers, S. C. Proud, John Gordon, A. A. Coltham; 80—C. Wodham, G. Grundy, R. E. Towle, L. Holliday, C. Doolittle, J. Calzerhoun; 82—R. A. Wolframe, R. Hendry, H. F. Maloney, M. S. Stevens, G. J. H. Fussell, G. Singleton, G. W. Kay; 90—C. A. White; 91—W. J. Merry; 94—C. H. Henry, G. A. Williamson; 103—M. S. Matheson; 104—Edward Slater; 113—F. H. Pemberton, H. G. Speers, Harry Raynor; 116—K. E. Hicks; 129—T. L. McCutcheon; 131—J. H. Gilbert; 133—A. E. Simmons; 135—Morey Haynes; 145—R. H. Callahan, W. J. Corley, J. A. Fogg, W. Edmund, J. F. McConnell, J. P. Ramsay, E. M. Saker; 146—L. T. Charlton; 147—W. V. Johnston; 150—J. M. Eastman, R. Sargent; 151—R. W. Law, J. C. Mussell; 152—R. J. Clark; 161—W. N. Francis, Roy Foster, K. R. Holmes. 163—H. G. Gibson; 164—I. E. Degraw, A. G. McNeil. 195—H. A. Osbourne, F. J. McBride, Frank Ball; 213—A. R. Cameron; 217—John Craig, C. B. Ibbotson, J. H. E. Connell, T. Kinispland; 227—W. E. Lashway, R. McMillion, G. A. Eggleton; 231—W. Hines, T. K. Johnston, T. S. Eversfield, James Smith, W. N. McMaster, S. S. Riley, Edwin Davison, J. Van Everd, R. C. Dover; 238—E. J. Brown, N. W. Greenslade, W. C. Mawson, W. K. Marshall, G. J. O'Leary; 240—F. Masterson, C. A. Taylor; 241—A. A. Robinson, L. T. Henderson, S. Appleton; 249—E. O. Webster; 251—W. T. Owens, Alexander Harris; 252—Cecil Gray, A. Heather, T. W. Pretty, D. McK. Wilson; 254—W. T. Petterson; 255—D. W. Morgan.

RESTORATIONS 1960

1—E. Brown; 2—B. J. Fradenburgh; 5—G. B. McCormick; 6—L. E. Stacey; 16—Hyman Could; 18—E. C. Calverley; 45—W. B. Onyon; 54—B. P. Skill; 55—C. O. Hains; 61—W. H. Laidlaw; 64—H. R. Main; 65—D. C. D. H. Stewart; 80—L. R. English; 80—A. E. Woollard; 104—J. J. Dall, W. Sargent; 135—W. E. Carnegie; 146—W. S. Squire; 148—G. Puddifoot; 164—G. Dawson; 212—Joe Goldes; 215—W. B. Dempsey; 219—David Stuart, P. Wakelin; 232—Arthur Marsh; 242—E. C. McAuley; 252—W. V. Atmore, L. F. Brown; 253—C. Drennon.

DEMITS 1960

1—W. P. Kelman, J. F. Tweddell, F. S. Donaldson; 2—A. T. Paddon; 3—Peter Hanson; 4—T. E. Magner, J. W. Chapman; 5—Wm. Nepsted; 7—D. J. Freeman; 8—Harold Sibbert, J. S. Healy; 15—A. E. Bowd; 16—

J. C. Cockrane, J. A. McLean, A. C. McG. Deruchie, A. A. Liddiard, J. Armstrong, H. T. Hill, J. Parkington, J. M. Hayes; 19—G. H. Mikkelborg, G. Rorison, J. Nelson R. C. Pierce, William Wray, W. H. Norman, H. J. Carmichael, S. B. O. Valentin; 22—R. T. Alexander, J. G. Cummings; 23—W. J. Clark; 24—W. C. Waite, J. Dungavell, W. E. Jephson; 27—O. Gulbronson, L. Stoodley; 28—S. W. Bowers; 31—E. B. Morris, G. E. Mason, R. A. McAlpine, E. J. Williams, W. Henley, D. B. Cole; 32—S. J. Purdy, J. E. Riddell; 36—D. C. Rattenbury, J. W. Watson, J. J. Craig, J. M. McNeil; 37—E. E. Jones; 40—F. C. Anderson, B. W. Varty, John Lecrone, T. Brown; 44—M. E. Cooper, W. M. Evans; 47—S. A. Bingham, F. R. Sillett; 48—J. A. B. Wilson; 54—M. F. Jones; 55—Wm. R. McKenzie, F. M. Hicks; 59—L. Easton, C. M. Bracken, E. Huck; 61—A. J. McGregor, C. H. Campbell; 62—C. O. Bagnell, Russell Purdy, R. S. Johnston; 65—J. R. Kelsey, William Scott, W. J. Laurie, W. R. Salter, D. J. McLeod, F. E. K. Udell; 66—G. S. Ferris; 67—T. Wilson, W. M. Martin; 71—L. A. Hamilton; 73—H. D. Bates, G. Stephens; 76—W. Bromhall; 80—A. J. Stanley, W. E. Burbank, G. R. Jackson, E. A. Price, C. D. Kelly; 81—J. H. F. Adams, Quinton Cook, Clinton Kipp, N. J. Grey; 82—W. L. Dawson; 83—A. McC. Telford, W. H. Watson; 84—Richard Carson, Norman Carson; 88—Bruce Rose, Orlah J. Martin; 90—G. W. Mulholland, M. Margolis, Harry Pateman; 91—Earl Brooks, A. U. Parkinson, W. R. Sharpe; 94—H. E. Bouch; 95—C. Brown; 102—J. R. Norris, Gordon Kerr, A. R. Lockington; 103—C. J. Price; 104—Percy King, R. Wallbank, E. C. Cox; 110—M. E. Smith, C. M. McConnell, G. J. Stunden, F. A. Wiggins; 117—M. B. Bowman, D. L. Crone; 119—E. J. Churchill, A. Rymal G. Adams, A. E. Coppen; 130—J. N. H. Norton, Frank Tomkinson; 131—C. R. Waugh, C. R. Golden, G. Edmonds, Donald McI. McLeod; 132—W. J. Wilson; 133—T. W. Leeson, A. C. Lake, A. D. Pearce; 144—James Sloan; 145—G. H. Brining, H. Porter, E. G. Clarke, I. L. Scott, E. N. E. Williams, Robert Clarke, C. C. Read, R. T. Kerr; 146—Percy Felker, H. McDonald; 147—Harold Fraser; 151—W. J. Fiebig, S. J. King, H. B. Cotnam; 152—Norman Muir, A. J. Quinn; 153—G. F. Harrison; 155—C. W. Houghton; 164—A. J. Fletcher; 167—R. L. Tipping, E. W. Gamble; 184—J. R. Sherk; 195—H. A. Douglas, H. McM. McColl. W. C. McKee, G. P. Ross; 212—Abbey Brown, Leo More, Albert White, R. Reiken, Henry B. Lurie; 215 — J. E. Richard; 217 — J. E. Gibb, Norman Verrill, T. A. Cook; 220—H. W. Probert, C. O. Carpenter; 222—W. H. M. Hoskin; E. J. Schoenherr, H. L. Richey; 223—W. J. Farrer, Glen Hutchinson;224—Hugh MacIntosh, Norman Leslie Grieveson, T. Patterson; 225—Robert E. Fair, E. C. Johnston; 231—H. Baines, A. W. Lamkin, G. F. Ewing, A. W. Passfield, E. Trowell; 232—E. M. Grose; 233—A. Munro, M. Scrimgeour; 235—T. E. H. Fisher; 238—T. H. Mantz, M. C. Robinson; 239—E. D. Renand, M. J. Rutherford, G. W. James; 240—C. Comfort; 241—H. F. Coon; 243—George Britton, G. A. Rush, W. A. James; 246—Frank Gosselin, John Munday, W. C. Farr, Stanley Wilson, L. C. Wessel, L. A. Ritchie; 249—C. B. Tyrrell; 251—E. C. Anderson, F. Austin; 252—Karl H. Hadley; 253—Charles Jewell; 255—H. Pickersgill; 257—Donald Gray; 259—Robert Hunter.

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT No. 1

R. Ex. Comp. Bill White, Wheatley, Ont.

47. Wellington ..... Chatham
71. Prince of Wales Amherstburg
73. Erie ..... Ridgetown
80. Ark ..... Windsor
88. MacNabb ..... Dresden
119. King Cyrus ..... Leamington
153. Sombra ..... Wallaceburg
164. Lorne ..... West Lorne
239. Bleinheim ..... Bleinheim
250. Thomas Peters ..... Windsor

LONDON DISTRICT No. 2

R. Ex. Comp. Cameron Terry Smith, Inwood P.O., Ont.

3. St. John's ..... London
5. St. George's ..... London
15. Wawanosh ..... Sarnia
53. Bruce ..... Petrolia
54. Palestine ..... St. Thomas
74. Beaver ..... Strathroy
78. Minnewawa ..... Parkhill
81. Aylmer ..... Aylmer
150. London ..... London
214. Vimy ..... Inwood
238. The St. Andrew ..... London
242. St. Paul's ..... Lambeth
247. Nilestown ..... Nilestown
252. Hiawatha ..... Sarnia

WILSON DISTRICT No. 3

R. Ex. Comp. Peter Worthington, 35 Abigail Ave., Brantford, Ont.

18. Oxford ..... Woodstock
20. Mount Horeb ..... Brantford
23. Ezra ..... Simcoe
41. Harris ..... Ingersoll
115. Brant ..... Paris
253. Regal ..... Port Dover
255. Tillsonburg ..... Tillsonburg

WELLINGTON DISTRICT No. 4

R. Ex. Comp. Donald Van Norman, 11 Sunset Dr., Orangeville, Ont.

32. Waterloo ..... Galt
40. Guelph ..... Guelph
67. Enterprise ..... Palmerston
83. Ionic ..... Orangeville
117. Kitchener ..... Kitchener
218. Prince Edward ..... Shelburne
221. Durham ..... Durham
234. Halton ..... Georgetown
245. Preston ..... Preston

HAMILTON DISTRICT No. 5

R. Ex. Comp. Gordon K. Brown, 8 Dunn St. S., Oakville, Ont.

2. The Hiram ..... Hamilton
6. St. John's ..... Hamilton
75. St. Clair ..... Milton
104. White Oak ..... Oakville
155. Ancaster ..... Ancaster
175. The Hamilton ..... Hamilton
224. Keystone ..... Hamilton
236. Caledonia ..... Caledonia
243. McKay ..... Stoney Creek

HURON DISTRICT No. 6

R. Ex. Comp. John William McFadyen, Tiverton, Ont.

24. Tecumseh ..... Stratford
30. Huron ..... Goderich
46. St. James ..... St. Marys
63. Havelock ..... Kincardine
66. The Malloch ..... Seaforth
84. Lebanon ..... Wingham
129. Elliot ..... Mitchell
130. Chantry ..... Southampton
146. Bernard ..... Listowel
147. Lucknow ..... Lucknow

NIAGARA DISTRICT No. 7

R. Ex. Comp. Wm. Southward Coolin, 18 Cameron Dr., St. Catharines, Ont.

19. Mount Moriah ..... St. Catharines
29. McCallum ..... Dunnville
55. Niagara Niagara-on-the-Lake
57. King Hiram ..... Port Colborne
64. Willson ..... Welland
69. Grimsby ..... Grimsby
76. Mount Nebo ..... Niagara Falls
184. Hugh Murray ..... Fort Erie N.
240. Smithville ..... Smithville

TORONTO EAST DISTRICT No. 8

R. Ex. Comp. John J. Mahaffey, Box 23, Ringwood, Ont.

4. St. Andrew and St. John Toronto
8. King Solomon Toronto
62. York Toronto
65. St. Paul's Toronto
79. Orient Toronto
135. Succoth Uxbridge
145. The St. Patrick Toronto
163. The Beaches Toronto
205. Victoria Thornhill
217. St. Alban's Toronto
225. Beaver Toronto
235. Aurora Aurora
241. University Toronto
258. Tyrian Stouffville

TORONTO WEST DISTRICT No. 8A

R. Ex. Comp. Bryan Cyril Alford, 42 Forthbridge Cres., Downsview, Ont.

77. Occident Toronto
91. Toronto-Antiquity Toronto
138. Shekinah Toronto
195. Peel Brampton
212. Mount Sinai Toronto
215. Mimico Mimico
219. Ulster Toronto
220. Lebanon Lambton Mills
230. Port Credit Port Credit
231. The St. Clair Toronto
232. King Cyrus Toronto
233. Oakwood Toronto
246. Humber Weston
260. Centennial Streetsville

GEORGIAN DISTRICT No. 9

R. Ex. Comp. Gordon George Sinclair, Box 292, Wiarton, Ont.

27. Manitou Collingwood
34. Signet Barrie
56. Georgian Owen Sound
131. Amabel Wiarton
167. Kichikewana Midland
198. Couchiching Orillia
U.D. Sequin Parry Sound

ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 10

R. Ex. Comp. Albert Wm. Watkins, 563 Arndon Ave., Peterborough, Ont.

28. Pentalpha Oshawa
35. Keystone Whitby
36. Corinthian Peterborough
37. Victoria Port Hope
45. Excelsior Colborne
48. St. John's Cobourg
94. Midland Lindsay
110. Warkworth Warkworth
134. King Darius Cannington
168. Ionic Campbellford
249. Palestine Bowmanville

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT No. 11

R. Ex. Comp. Harold Frederick Burke, 105 Byron St., Trenton, Ont.

7. The Moira Belleville
26. St. Mark's Trenton
31. Prince Edward Picton
44. Mount Sinai Napanee
72. Keystone Stirling
144. Presq'ile Brighton
161. Madoc Madoc
227. Quinte Friendship Belleville

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT No. 12

R. Ex. Comp. John Keith Forbes, Box 15, Kemptville, Ont.

1. Ancient Frontenac and Cataraqui Kingston
22. Grenville Prescott
59. Sussex-St. Lawrence Brockville
68. Maitland Kemptville
112. St. John's Morrisburg
113. Covenant Cornwall
132. Leeds Gananoque

OTTAWA DISTRICT No. 13

R. Ex. Comp. John Joseph Carpenter, 15 Cornelia St., Smiths Falls, Ont.

16. Carleton Ottawa
61. Granite Almonte
116. Maple Carleton Place
114. Bonnechere Renfrew
133. St. Francis Smiths Falls
143. Glengarry Maxville
148. St. John's Vankleek Hill
151 Laurentian Pembroke
210. Kitchener Russell
222. Ottawa Ottawa
226. Prince of Wales Perth
248. Dochert Arnprior

ALGOMA DISTRICT No. 14

R. Ex. Comp. Ernest Maitland Newman, 226-4th St. N., Kenora, Ont.

82. Shuniah ..... Port Arthur
90. Golden ..... Kenora
140. Fort William ..... Fort William
149. Atwood ..... Rainy River
152. Alberton ..... Fort Frances
254. Golden Star ..... Dryden
259. Quetico ..... Atikokan

NEW ONTARIO DISTRICT No. 15

R. Ex. Comp. Horace W. Walker, 118 Breton Rd., Sault Ste. Marie, Ont.

58. Pembroke ..... Mattawa
95. Tuscan ..... Sudbury
102. Algonquin ..... Sault Ste. Marie
103. St. John's ..... North Bay
257. Espanola ..... Espanola

TEMISKAMING DISTRICT No. 16

R. Ex. Comp. John Connell Kincade, Iroquois Hotel, Iroquois Falls, Ont.

169. Temiskaming ..... New Liskeard
203. Cobalt ..... Cobalt
213. Northern Lights ..... Timmins
223. Abitibi ..... Iroquois Falls
251. Kirkland ..... Kirkland Lake

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Chapters

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3. St. John's—G. Phipps, 545 Chester St., London.
4. The St. Andrew and St. John—Dr. O. B. Dickinson, 28 Inneswood Dr., Scarborough.
5. St. George's—M. G. Trussler, 1016 Hamilton Rd., London.
6. St. John's—S. J. H. Quiney, 4 Dunning Cres., Dundas.
7. The Moira—C. S. Lowther, 19 Wellington Cres., Belleville.
8. King Solomon's—W. G. Dobinson, 62 Donlands Ave., Toronto 6.
15. Wawanosh—J. D. Bald, 379 Bright St., Sarnia.
16. Carleton—W. Tennant, Stittsville.
18. Oxford—R. B. Town, 286 Briarhill Rd., Woodstock.
19. Mount Moriah—L. T. McMann, 37 Wellington St., Thorold.
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22. Grenville—K. N. Laushway, Box 670, Prescott.
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24. Tecumseh—F. S. Wolfe, 24 Rankin St., Stratford.
26. St. Mark's—K. Hutchinson, 46 Queen St., Trenton.
27. Manitou—E. J. Taylor, 471 First St., Collingwood.
28. Pentalpha—W. F. Borman, 283 Thomas St., Oshawa.
29. McCallum—G. L. Pyle, R.R. 2, Lowbanks.
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31. Prince Edward—L. Hagerman, R.R. 1, Picton.
32. Waterloo—J. E. Goatley, 121 Hespeler Rd., Galt.
34. Signet—D. J. L. Keast, 94 Eccles St., Barrie.
35. Keystone—S. E. Smith, 305 St. John St. W., Whitby.
36. Corinthian—J. W. Morrison, 369 Hunter St. W., Peterborough.
37. Victoria—K. W. Stevenson, 112 Hope St. N., Port Hope.
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41. Harris—I. D. Baskett, Solford.
44. Mount Sinai—F. K. Hill, Napanee.
45. Excelsior—R. E. F. Pacey, Colborne.
46. St. James—V. I. McIntosh, St. Marys.
47. Wellington—R. Meen, 142 Williams St., Chatham.
48. St. John's—A. W. Robertson, 447 George St., Cobourg.
53. Bruce—P. C. McPhedran, Petrolia.

54. Palestine—J. H. Hutchinson, 64 Carleton St., St. Catharines.
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62. York—J. M. Hood, 329 Eglinton Ave. E., Toronto.
63. Havelock—G. Downey, R.R. 1, Tiverton.
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74. Beaver—G. C. Searson, Watford.
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76. Mount Nebo—N. Farrington, Queenston.
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80. Ark—A. O. Lounsbury, R.R. 1, Tecumseh.
81. Aylmer—F. Bowen, Aylmer.
82. Shuniah—H. D. Blanchard, 190 Winnipeg Ave., Port Arthur.
83. Ionic—C. W. Eanon, 74 John St., Orangeville.
84. Lebanon—C. Thompson, Teeswater.
88. MacNabb—D. Frank Smith, R.R. 1, Dresden.
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104. White Oak—E. J. Flippance, 344 Fourth Line, Oakville
110. Warkworth—C. Buchanan, Codrington.
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Pennsylvania	Arthur L. Miller	1303 Arkansas Ave., Pittsburg 16
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Saskatchewan	Lorne Johnson	503 Sterling Trust Bldg., Regina
Scotland	The Rt. Hon. The Earl of Galloway	76 Queen Street, Edinburgh 2
South Carolina	Wm. N. Bradford	Sumter
South Dakota	Joseph Hansen	Horley
Switzerland	Franz G. W. Schetelig	43 Titlisstrasse, Zurich
Tennessee	R. K. Roney, Sr.	Newbern, Route 2
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Utah	Herman L. Bauer	2626 Highland Drive, Salt Lake City 6
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Victoria (Australia)	Allen Grant	6 Second Ave., East Kew, Melbourne
Virginia	Claude E. Schools	130 W. Belvedere Rd., Norfolk
Washington	Albert Jensen	3917 Densmore Avenue, Seattle
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West Virginia	C. C. McGhee	Huntington
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Wyoming	Carl S. Gilbert	Laramie, 1610 Custer Street

GRAND SECRETARIES

FROM GRAND CHAPTER OF CANADA IN PROVINCE OF ONTARIO

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Alberta	(G.S.E.) F. J. Hand	1717-28th Avenue W., Calgary
Argentina	A. Lappas	1557 Junior St., Buenos Aires
Arizona	Joseph A. E. Ivey	Box 1488, Mas. Temple, Tuscon
Arkansas	C. D. Hill	Box 2216, Little Rock
British Columbia	(G.S.E.) E. B. Baker	4659 W. 8th Ave., Vancouver 8
California	Chester D. Newell	Room 423, Mas. Temple, San Francisco
Canada	(G.S.E.) M. A. Searle	Room 514, Temple Bldg., Toronto
Colorado	Harry W. Bundy	Room 300, Mas. Temple, Denver
Connecticut	Bliss W. Clark	Box 838, New Britain
Delaware	Alfred H. Coe	1500 Industrial Tr. Bldg., Wilmington 99
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Kansas	Chas. S. McGinnis	320 West 8th Street, Topeka
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Louisiana	Lee W. Harris	Box 404, Mas. Temple, Alexandria
Maine	Earle D. Webster	Masonic Temple, Portland
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Maryland	D. Ross Vansant, Jr.	Masonic Temple, Baltimore
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Queensland (Australia)	C. W. Coulter	Box 425 F. Brisbane
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Scotland	W. A. Laird	76 Queen Street, Edinburgh 2
South Carolina	Henry F. Collins	901 Palmetto State Life Building, Columbia 1
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Utah	Bert Atwater	Masonic Temple, Salt Lake City
Vermont	Aaron H. Grout	Masonic Temple, Burlington
Victoria (Australia)	(G.S.E.) H. O. Thomas	164 Flinders St., Melbourne C.1
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CAPITULAR REVIEW

Annual Review of the Proceedings of Other Grand Chapters

To the Grand First Principal, Officers and Companions of the Grand Chapter of Canada in the Province of Ontario, 1961:

It is again my pleasure to present for your approval a REVIEW of the 1960 Proceedings of Sister Jurisdictions in Royal Arch Masonry throughout the world.

It is a very delightful and rewarding experience, though at times somewhat arduous, to visit, through the medium of the printed word, some fifty-odd States, Provinces and Countries as they convene each year to give account of their stewardship, to assess their progress and achievements, and to make recommendations and offer suggestions for the welfare of Royal Arch Masonry and the healthy preservation of its Ancient Landmarks. For this privilege I thank you and trust that my services, in this regard, may meet with your approval and satisfaction.

I should also like to thank various Reviewers in Sister Jurisdictions for the encouragement offered in their kindly comments on my efforts to convey to you and to other Grand Bodies interesting and significant accounts of their annual activities.

Some Companions may say, "What are the purposes of these Reviews?" To my mind they should fulfill several useful purposes and produce certain beneficial results. In the first place, the Reviews should help maintain FELLOWSHIP with Sister Jurisdictions to many of which it is out of the question to send representatives to their Annual Convocations. Secondly, the exchange of ideas through Fraternal Reviews evidences our mutual interest in mutual problems and a willingness to share our experiences in the hopes of a successful solution of these problems. Thirdly, they should convey to the Companions of all Chapters a sense of the great potential power of Capitular Masonry for the establishment of a better world of goodwill, fellowship and peace, the basic need of mankind in our day. Finally, the reading and study of Fraternal Reviews should contribute to the enlightenment of our Companions, locally, and inspire them to put forth greater individual efforts to live the great lessons of Masonry to the benefit of themselves and of all mankind.

The question now arises—"Is the publication of Reviews achieving any or all of these purposes to a greater or lesser degree?" If not, does the fault lie in the Reviews or in THE USE MADE OF THEM?

From surveys that I have made during the past year in Ontario Chapters I am led to believe that Companions GENERALLY ARE NOT GETTING THE OPPORTUNITY, or are not taking advantage of the opportunity, to receive the benefits that I have suggested. One copy of our Annual Proceedings is sent to the First, Second, and Third Principals for their own use, another copy goes to the Scribe E., who files it away [files are kept for years back], and present Grand Chapter officers get one copy. The great majority of Companions rarely see a copy. I recommend to the consideration of the Grand First Principal that at least ONE of these copies should be on the Scribe E.'s desk at every regular Convocation to be loaned to any Companion who desires to take it home to read it.

Condition of the Rite

What do we learn from our study of some fifty-six Grand Chapter Proceedings as to the condition of the Rite? Is Royal Arch Masonry

making progress, or is it continuing to show, year by year, smaller membership, decreasing attendance and lukewarm loyalty to its teaching, tenets and principles? Well, the answer is not a simple "yes" or "no." It depends upon whether one places greater emphasis on NUMBERS or upon EFFICIENCY, DEDICATION and ENTHUSIAM. If upon numbers, we can supply you with figures from which you may draw your own definite conclusions. Let us consider some of these.

Of the 47 returns of Grand Chapters which we analysed, 23 showed NET GAINS and 24 showed NET LOSSES. The TOTAL NET GAINS were 2,657, the TOTAL NET LOSSES 3,904; the AVERAGE NET GAIN of the former group was 115 and the AVERAGE NET LOSS of the latter group was 161. The gains varied from 7 to 388, and the losses from 7 to 1,037. [Total membership of these 47 Chapters is 611,394.]

The largest single factors accounting for losses were: suspensions N.P.D., Demits and, of course, deaths (since the average age of our Companions, according to the Reviewer from Alabama, 1960, is 58 years). [It may be that economic conditions of the past three years has had an adverse effect upon numbers.] The most frequent reasons given for decreasing gains and actual losses are: lack of interest, listlessness or laziness, poor attendance (average about 16 per cent), competing entertainment and complexity of interests in modern life.

On the other hand, our Reviews are filled with reports from various Grand Officers and committees, replete with expressions of satisfaction, confidence and enthusiasm. Let us note some of these:

Iowa, 1960—G.H.P. "This was a great achievement and sets a high goal for other Chapters to aim at (conferring all degrees, without outside help on a class of 17 candidates)." Also Iowa: "There is nothing wrong with Masonry. It has stood the test of both time and experience. The ravages of time, the devastations of wars and the ridicule of the ignorant have failed to dim its lustre."

California, 1960—G. Scribe E.: "Reports of Inspectors and comments of several H.P.'s confirm a considerable improvement in Chapter MORALE and ACTIVITIES during the past year."

Pennsylvania (1960) (41,000 with net loss 369). The G.H.P. says: "Much has been accomplished."

Missouri (1960)—Address G.H.P.: "To give a true evaluation of the condition of the Rite is beyond the capability of one man, but I can give an OPINION, and that is that the general picture shows more AGGRESSIVE LEADERSHIP and CARE in PLANNING." [With this I agree.] "I am sure that, if we continue along these lines, there is NO REASON WHY 1961 could not be a proud year for R.A. Masonry in Missouri."

Success or Failure?

Nebraska (1960)—Address G.H.P.: "We have some Chapters that will not answer any correspondence. There are a few Chapters in the State that are showing NO INTEREST whatsoever and three Chapters are INACTIVE." [After recommending that G. Chapter take immediate steps to remedy "this deplorable condition" he adds] "I am happy to report that the condition of R.A. Masonry in general is VERY GOOD. There seems to be a great deal of ACTIVITY and ENTHUSIAM in the majority of the Chapters." (Membership 8,284, Gain 11).

[Most G.H.P.'s are wonderful OPTIMISTS. Let me give another illustration of the ability to see the silver lining.] Mississippi (1960)—G.H.P.'s Address: "I should like to feel justified in saying that everything is just lovely in the State of Mississippi as far as Capitular

Masonry is concerned, but I cannot say this with a clear conscience, for, in spite of the fact that we have had a small gain in membership (116 out of 10,813 to be exact), for which I am most grateful, I feel that we are not moving along progressively in our individual Chapters. I am afraid that the majority of our 58 Chapters are dragging a little. On an average, in the Chapters that I was able to visit, I found: attendance poor; ritualistic proficiency in opening and closing the Chapter inferior, and degree work unhealthy." [Yet even this plain speaking G.H.P. can find a BRIGHT SPOT on the horizon. A few lines later he continues] "I found that almost every Chapter has one, two, three or more good, hard-working Companions who are trying mighty hard to carry the whole load."

Now I ask you from the quotations, facts and figures quoted above would YOU say that Capitular Masonry throughout the world was advancing, receding or merely standing fast in a troubled world which so badly needs what our Order has to offer? Reading carefully the Reviews from A (Alabama) to W (Wyoming) may help each of you to make your own, and possibly a more accurate, assessment of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the world of 1961.

Sincerely and fraternally yours,

BENJAMIN S. SCOTT.

Alaska

The Eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alaska was held at Fairbanks on August 20th, 1959.

Chapters 5. Membership 609. Net Loss 22.

M.E. Comp. William Byron Bevington, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. Sol. Gerstenfeld, Grand Secretary.

Four Past Grand High Priests were present and were greeted by the Companions.

Address of Grand High Priest —

"For the eighth time we, the Companions of the State of Alaska, are presenting our Masonic work to be measured and tested.

"We can consider ourselves fortunate that all of our Grand Officers have been spared to be in their regular places. We are very thankful. During the year Death called five of our Companions. Our belief in immortality leaves us with the hope that their Signet of Truth has been accepted by Jehova.

"I have recommended the appointment of the following Companions as Grand Representatives of other Grand Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of Alaska: George Black, Palmer Chapter No. 8 — Illinois. Harry Tharp, Anchorage Chapter No. 3 — Argentina.

"Upon the recommendation of their Grand High Priests, I appointed the following to represent the Grand Chapter of Alaska near their Grand Chapter: John C. Fretz — New York. Palmer Duerst — Wisconsin.

"I regret to announce a net loss of 22 Companions through the State during the year. Let us strive to obtain new members and to keep all members interested."

The Grand Treasurer reported a bank balance of $2,720.28 on August 20th, 1960.

Report of Committee on Rituals —

No candidate for any capitular degree may be seated on the sidelines while one is taken through the degree, as this would cancel the number of trips around the altar which all initiates must symbolically travel. Research is continuing regarding the candidate's reply upon the presentation of his work in the Mark Master Degree.

Report of **Finance Committee** recommended:

Future stationery will have no names and the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary will be provided with rubber address stamps.

Rituals be provided for sale at $10.00 and their sale to members be encouraged.

Report of **Committee** on **Jurisprudence** recommended:

Preference should be given to Past Grand High Priests for Jurisprudence Committee appointments and that Grand Officers be used to a greater extent as Grand Representatives.

There follows a copy of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Alaska as adopted February 7, 1953, together with by-laws and code of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Alaska.

Election of Officers:—

M. E. Comp. Charles M. Marcott, Grand High Priest.
M. E. Comp. Sol. Gerstenfeld, Grand Secretary.

Alberta

The 46th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the Royal Arch Masons of Alberta was held at Calgary May 11th, 1960.

Chapters 31. Membership (January, 1960) 3,807. Increase 111.

Grand First Principal, M.E. Comp. Charles M. Laverty.

Grand Scribe E., M.E. Comp. Fred Hand.

All officers and eleven Past Grand First Principals were in attendance. Among the distinguished visitors received and accorded appropriate honours was M. E. Comp. Luther Jordan, General High Priest who travelled 3500 miles to be present.

Report of Grand First Principal—

"I am grateful for the opportunity I have had during the past year of serving you as best I could. During the year I was only able to attend six district meetings, but I found each one of them quite outstanding.

"One of the highlights in my visits during the year was the visit to Wapiti Chapter in Grand Prairie on September 12th. The three Edmonton Chapters combined to fill a bus. That evening we put on the Royal Arch Degree for Wapiti Chapter.

"During the year I have stressed the idea that the Royal Arch Degree is the completion of the Master Mason's Degree. It was once a part of it. We should let the brethren know that the third Degree is not complete without it. This is part of our job."

[Very interesting reports from the six Districts were submitted by the Grand Superintendents. I would like to quote from them at length for they contain many interesting observations, but space forbids.]

The Grand Treasurer's statement showed a balance on hand Jan. 29, 1960 of $2,761.66 with assets to the value of $13,955.95.

Election of officers:—

M. E. Comp. H. B. Wilks, Grand First Principal.
M. E. Comp Fred Hand, Grand Scribe E.

Arizona

The 69th Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Arizona was held in Phoenix on October 27, 1959.

Chapters 15. Membership 1,929. Net Gain 27.

M.E. Comp. Alva N. Anderson, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Joseph A. E. Ivey, Grand Secretary.

All Grand Officers were present as well as 14 Past High Priest, 38 Grand Representatives and many Distinguished Guests. All were welcomed and given appropriate honours.

Address of Grand High Priest —

"We are especially happy to have with us guests from other Grand Jurisdictions, as well as the heads of other Masonic Bodies of the state.

Necrology

"With sad hearts we pause to pay tribute to our Companions who have answered the final summons. Among these was a member of our Grand Family, R. E. Comp. Edward P. Schmitt, Grand Scribe, whose passing has left a vacancy that can never be filled. Our sympathy is extended to all the bereaved families.

Visits

"During the year I was able to visit every Chapter in this Grand Jurisdiction. It was also my good fortune to visit several Grand Chapters during their Annual Convocations.

"Two scholarships were awarded during the year, one to Thomas Wayne Whipple of Prescott and the other to John Fleming Switzer of Tucson. I recommend that two scholarships of $400.000 each again be made available from the Royal Arch Objective Fund. I also recommend that the amount of $150.00 again be appropriated to the miscellaneous fund at the Arizona State School for the Deaf and Blind."

The Grand Treasurer reported total balance and receipts of $10,443.46 and total assets of $22,899.68.

Report of Grand Lecturer —

"Three Deputy Grand Lecturers were appointed and they have earnestly carried out their assigned work. The duties of this office are to assist all subordinate Chapters with matters pertaining to ritualistic work, equipment supplies and the promotion of Capitular Masonry throughout the state. Emphasis has been given to strengthening the weaker Chapters and to assist with the work in opening and closing, receiving guests and visiting officers and any other effort that might create more interest for the officers and those on the sideline."

Election of Officers:—

R. E. Comp. Estel W. Brooks, Grand High Priest.

R. E. Comp. Joseph A. E. Ivey, Grand Secretary.

Arkansas

The 111th Convocation of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Arkansas was held on February 22, 1960, in the Alberta Pike Memorial Temple.

Chapters 55. Membership 8,125. Loss 7.

M.E. Jacob L. King, Grand High Priest.

There were 13 Grand Officers present. Twenty-one Distinguished guests were in attendance, among the number being Most Excellent General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons J. Luther Jordan. They were welcomed and given appropriate Grand honours.

7 Past Grand High priests answered the roll call and 36 Grand Representatives. Among those present was Canada's representative L. W. Williams.

Address of Grand High Priest —

"I had dreams that were not fully realized, but thanks be to God, we were able to accomplish many things. I believe that our position was strengthened during the year, even though we did end the year with a small net loss in membership.

Necrology

"Twice during the year the Grim Reaper has issued the dread mandate and summoned into His Eternal Presence, two of our beloved Past Grand High Priests — M. E. Comp. John W. Vaile and M. E. Comp. Oce E. Nichols. (On April 18th another Grand High Priest passed away in the person of M. E. Comp. E. R. Wynn). Many Companions throughout this Jurisdiction passed on during the year. We extend sympathy to all who have been bereaved.

Visitations

"During the year I made 39 official Chapter visits and two return visits. I was only able to visit two of our sister Grand Jurisdictions — Oklahoma and Texas. In all, I made 108 appearances at Masonic functions. Nine Grand Representatives of Arkansas were appointed by me near other Grand Chapters and three Grand Representatives near our Grand Chapter were nominated.

Recommendations

"I recommend that the appropriation for the work of the Committee on Capitular Advancement for the coming year be not less than $1500.00, I recommend that the Committee on Finance appropriate an amount out of the surplus of this Grand Chapter to provide each Grand Officer with an official apron, and that this Grand Chapter expect them to wear them with their official jewels when making any official appearance.

(Several other important changes in connection with Constitution were recommended.)

"I say to you, my Companions, if Freemasonry is losing ground today in any part of the free world, it is because Masons have stopped living like Masons. I fear that too many men today possess the proud title of "Mason" are not concerned with what God's Holy Word teaches — You cannot be a true Mason and disregard the laws of the land. Freemasons are taught from the very beginning of our Masonic career that we should obey the laws of the land, yielding allegiance to the authorities who afford us protection. If we follow the plan of the Great Architect of the Universe has designed for us, we will give freely of our time, our substance and our influence to make this world a better place in which to live.

"If we are going to attract men of prominence and ability into our mystic circle, we must streamline our meetings, promote a better atmosphere of community co-operation and reveal to the world outside our walls, that Freemasonry teaches and trains men to be better men, better citizens, better church members, better husbands and fathers, and better servants of God."

The report of the **Grand Treasurer** shows a healthy financial condition with receipts and bank balance of $16,590.92, and total assets of $51,482.96.

The Grand Secretary reported a net loss in membership of 7. 4 Chapters had more than 20 Exaltations, 9 Chapters had no Exaltations. 13 Chapters reported excessive suspensions, 29 Chapters showed a gain in memberhip.

Exaltations increased from 221 to 306 during the year. Affiliations increased from 34 to 66. Reinstatements increased only 4 (an indication that — suspend them — they do not come back). 24 Chapters showed loss in membership.

The **Grand High Priest**, M. E. Comp. J. Luther Jordan, spoke to the Grand Convocation in a most interesting manner. He outlined the reasons for the loss in Royal Arch membership, and cited a number of instances where inspired officers had taken hold of bad situations and, through hard work and intelligent leadership, had turned these Chapters around and now were showing great increase in membership. He outlined the efforts put forth by the General Grand Chapter in planting **Royal Arch Masonry throughout the world.**

A very thorough and interesting **REPORT** was given by the **Committee on Capitular Advancement.**

"Chapters whose records in the past reflect an indifference or whose reports fail to show activity should be and have been in the past the prime target for the work of this Committee. The re-building and the re-vitalizing of a Chapter is not a job that can be done overnight, nor can it be accomplished in the space of one year. It is a slow process requiring the constant work and attention of the Zone instructor in whose area the Chapter is located, and more than this it requires the close co-operation and assistance of the Chapters in its area. Over the last few years much has been done to re-vitalize and re-establish some Chapters that have been dormant for years, but much remains to be done."

Election of Officers:—
M. E. Comp. Roy A Lang, Grand High Priest.
M. E. Comp. Charles D. Hill, Grand Secretary.

British Columbia

The 42nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of British Columbia (with Jurisdiction over the Yukon Territory) was held on June 21st, 1960, at Vancouver.

Chapters 38. Membership 5276. Net Gain 106.

M.E. Comp. Olaf Nelson, Grand Z.

M.E. Comp. Edgar B. Baker, Grand Scribe E.

There were 8 Past Grand Chapter officers present and 25 Grand Representatives answered to their names.

Among the **visitors** we noted M.E. Comp. H. Bruce Smith, Grand Z. Grand Chapter of Canada (in Ontario) and R.E. Comp. R. J. Lewis Grand Lecturer, Grand Chapter of Canada (in Ontario).

Address of Grand Z.

"It is with sincere regret that we must report to you the loss by death of eight well beloved Companions of our Grand Chapter as well as many of our Companions in our Grand Jurisdiction. We acknowledge our great debt of gratitude for the faithful services rendered by these, our friends and companions. We express our sympathy to the bereaved in this Jurisdiction as well as to those in other Grand Jurisdictions.

"11 appointments of Grand Representatives near our Grand Chapter were made.

("Switzerland, West Germany, and the Netherlands on the recognition of and exchange of representatives with their Grand Chapters.)

"I issued commissions to Grand Representatives of this Grand Chapter at their respective Grand Chapters: Quebec, Switzerland, Netherlands, Saskatchewan, Iowa.

"My visitations throughout the year brought immense stimulation and encouragement to me. I appreciate the dignity with which I was received and the courtesy and hospitality extended to me. (A long list of official visits follows.)

"The Grand Superintendents have performed their duties in a sincere manner, given much of their time and study to the welfare of their respective districts. I recommend that the rank of R.E. Comp. be conferred on them. I include in this recommendation R.E. Comp. J. W. Hoggan, who was Grand Superintendent of Yukon District No. 17 when the Yukon Territory was ceded by the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada (in Ontario) to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

"I issued a Dispensation for the formation of a Chapter at Dawson Creek, to be named Dawson Creek Chapter, effective June 1st, 1960.

"**An Association of Past Grand First Principals** has been formed with the object of furnishing suggestions and advice to Grand Z.s when requested to do so and otherwise to promote the study and practice of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction.

"On my official visit to Yukon Chapter at Whitehorse, I had the great pleasure of presenting the Chapter with its Charter as a constituent Chapter of the Grand Chapter of British Columbia.

"I feel safe in saying that the formation and progress of Craft Lodges has been in fair proportion to the growth of the population. However, for some reason or other, the growth of our Royal Craft has not been commensurate with that of the Craft Lodge members."

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance in bank of $8703.73 and total investments of $20,000.00.

Report of Grand Scribe E

The summary of membership shows a net gain of 106, the lowest in 16 years. The main factor in the decline is a regrettable increase in losses by deaths, and an unusually large number of withdrawals.

The number of admissions thus far in 1960 (5 months) is well above average. The Scribe E. can be, and usually is, the mainstay of his Chapter, but perhaps only the Grand Scribe E. is in a position to appreciate fully the immense value to Grand Chapter of a skilled and experienced Scribe E. We have lost the services of three most efficient and co-operative Scribes E. The District Superintendents and Grand Registrar gave interesting, detailed reports of individual Chapters.

Rt. Ex. Comp. A. Fraser Reid, in his **review of the Capitular World,** makes a statistical analysis of the membership of Royal Arch. Masonry throughout the Capitular world that accords very closely with the comments and suggestions of many outstanding Reviewers. Attendance and leadership receive careful attention and informed comment.

Election of Officers:—

R.E. Comp. James R. Mitchell, Grand First Principal Z.

M.E. Comp. E. B. Baker, Grand Scribe E.

California

The 106th Annual Convocation of Grand Chapter State of California was held in San Diego April 18 and 19, 1960.

Chapters 127. Membership (January, 1960) 34,362. Net Gain 383.

M.E. Comp. Henry R. Sones, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Chester H. Newell, Grand Secretary.

Many distinguished companions "of our own and other Jurisdictions" were heartily welcomed by the Grand High Priest. Among the letters,

telegrams and reports conveying fraternal greetings was one from Canada.

Necrology

In his tribute to departed Companions the Grand High Priest said, "I would be remiss if I did not mention the name of one of our most beloved Past Grand High Priests, M. E. Comp. Leonard E. Thomas, who passed away July 24, 1959. The brilliant hues on the horizon of Royal Arch Masonry in California dimmed as his soul took leave and soared into the sacred heavens above."

Public Schools Week

"It affords us another opportunity of expressing our convictions that the Public Schools are the foundation of our Country's security. It is a free system of education out of which have emerged some of the greatest minds in the world's history. Pledging allegiance to our Public Schools is pledging allegiance to our American Flag."

Order of D.E. Molay

"We know it is in no wise affiliated with the Masonic Fraternity and does not hold promise of future membership but, Companions, we must not for an instant look away from this most prolific and promising field of future leaders! We must keep the soil fertile — rich — ready for a Masonic Harvest." [I quote the foregoing for the information of our Canadian Companions.]

New Chapters: "It has been an inspiration and a joy to me to have played a part in the formation of these (three) new Chapters."

State of the Order

"I feel Capitular Masonry enjoyed a very successful year. There were 1774 Exaltations in 1959 — an increase of 383. It means so much to feel the warmth of fraternal companionship when one is attending our meetings. This spirit should noticeably prevail when Royal Arch Masons get together."

The Grand High Priest referred to increasing rents as a problem that faces many Chapters.

York Rite Co-ordination: A meeting on the Committee on this subject was held in San Francisco at which the new **three-in-one York Rite petition** was discussed. "The demands for them in the Grand Secretary's office indicate they are being used and are helpful in promoting York Rite Masonry".

Recommendations: Among these was one "That a Program of Procedure necessary in the Formation of New Chapters be compiled". Apparently there was considerable confusion in the minds of companions during this formative period. Following the report of the Grand High Priest are seven pages of **engagements and official visits** almost daily from April 29, 1959, to April 22, 1960, which testify to the devotion and tremendous activity of M. E. Comp. Sones G.H.P. for the welfare of Masonry within his own and sister Jurisdictions.

The **Grand Secretary** reported a net gain of 383 in membership and total receipts for year to March 1, 1960 of $53,090.72. The **Grand Treasurer reported** total assets of $113,225.89 an increase of $9,209.78 during the year.

An item from the report of the **Grand Scribe** is worthy of note. "Reports of Inspectors and comments of several High Priests confirm a considerable improvement in Chapter morale and activities during the past year. **Notable success** has resulted where High Priests have invited Chapter officers to their homes at least one night a month for rehearsals and discussion of Chapter business."

The report of the **Committee on Jurisprudence** gave a lengthy detailed and judicious report upon the frequently misunderstood sub-

ject of waver of jurisdiction between states which is worth careful perusal on pages 61-64 of the proceedings.

Election of Grand Officers:—

Henry C. Spurr, M. E. Grand High Priest.

Chester H. Newell, R. E. Grand Secretary.

Their representative Donald Calder, Toronto, Ontario.

Our representative Angus L. Cavanagh, Los Angeles.

Colorado

The 86th Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Colorado met on January 26th, 1961, at Denver.

M.E. Comp. Frank Woods, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Harry Bundy, Grand Secretary.

The reception of distinguished guests was made the first order of business. The Roll Call of Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapters with which the Grand Chapter of Colorado is in fraternal relations was then given; and 29 answered.

Under escort of R.E. Comp. Glenn B. Van Fleet, incoming G.H.P. the officers of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons presently in business session in Denver at the Hilton Hotel, were admitted and introduced to the Grand Chapter. M.E. Comp. General G.H.P. Ed. Martini, of the General Grand Chapter then addressed the Grand Chapter of Colorado, calling attention to the fact that this was probably the greatest assemblage of General Grand Chapter Officers that would ever be seen in a constituent body. It probably would not be equalled anywhere in this Triennial period except in the General Grand Chapter itself. After being cordially welcomed by G.H.P. Frank E. Woods, the General Grand Officers retired during an ovation tendered by the companions of the Grand Chapter of Colorado.

M.E. Comp. G.H.P. Frank E. Woods presented his report covering the 16 month period. On its completion it was moved and carried that this be received and printed in the Proceedings.

Report of the Grand Treasurer Robert C. Croes was read, approved and adopted as was also the report of the Grand Secretary, Harry W. Bundy.

The report of the Grand Lecturer, William C. Kelly was read and showed much activity in the Grand Chapter.

In his usual fine manner M.E. Comp. Humbert Rees, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, reported the condition of the Royal Craft throughout the several jurisdictions of the world.

The Committee on Dispensations and charters reported by Daniel Kelly, Chairman showed that several chapters were liable to lifting of their charters due to inactivity. The incoming Grand High Priest Glenn B. Van Fleet later stated that this would be one of his objectives, to either revive the chapter or discontinue it as a dead branch on the tree of Masonry. This report was received and adopted.

H. Baird, Whitaker, chairman on Royal Arch Advancement, reported at length on the activity of the committee throughout the jurisdiction, and his report was ordered printed in the proceedings which will be distributed to the chapters and the different jurisdictions on completion, probably in about three months.

[Those proceedings have not yet reached us as our deadline approaches.]

Clifford R. Morrison, Grand High Priest of New Mexico, called attention of all companions to the great celebration which the Grand

Chapter of New Mexico is planning for May 14, 15 and 16 near Las Vegas, New Mexico, and invited all to participate.

The officers elected and appointed were installed.

M.E. Comp. Glenn B. Van Fleet, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Harry W. Bundy, Grand Secretary.

M.E. Comp. Glenn B. Van Fleet announced that the appointment of committees would be made later. The business of this Grand Communication having been completed, the Grand Chapter and Grand Convocation was closed in short but ample form.

England

Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England held its Quarterly Convocation at Freemasons' Hall, London, on February 3, 1960.

M.E. Comp. Rt. Hon. The Earl of Scarsbrough, 1st Grand Principal.

A large number of Past Grand Officers and the Principals and Past Principals of many subordinate chapters were in attendance.

The President of the Committee of General Purposes (E. Comp. Sir George Boag) presented the following report:

The Committee has received four Petitions for new chapters (names and locations (England) all given.)

The Committee has received a Memorial from the Lily Chapter of Richmond No. 280, London, praying for a charter authorising the members to wear the Centenary Jewel.

Chapters on Grand Chapter Register	1950	1954	1959
London	649	672	699
Provincial	1444	1509	1562
District and abroad	303	310	333
	2397	2491	2594

Grand Chapter Certificates	1950	1954	1959
Issued at Freemasons' Hall	6593	6000	6046
Issued by Grand Superintendent Abroad	1105	1032	916
	7608	7032	6962

The Committee regrets to report the death of 49 Present and Past Grand Officers.

Address of the Grand First Principal —

"You will, I am sure be interested to know that E. Comp. Sir Allan Adair is at present on a Masonic visit to West Africa, during the course of which he is installing E. Comp. the Hon. Mr. Justice Brett, as Grand Superintendent in and over Nigeria.

"The Grand Scribe E. is also away on a Masonic visit to New Zealand, where he arrived last Sunday.. He will be making many Masonic contacts in that country.

"Since the last Quarterly Convocation I have made five appointments of Grand Superintendents.

"On May 4th, 1960, the Quarterly Convocation was held at Freemasons' Hall, London.

"A large number of Past Grand Officers and the Principals and Past First Principals of subordinate chapters were present. The Grand Chapter was opened in Ancient and Solemn form. The Committee of General Purposes announced that it had received petitions for eight

new chapters. The Committee has also to report that a Memorial has been received from the Unity Chapter No. 1160 praying that it may be detached from the Lodge Temperance and Benevolence No. 1160 (which has now removed to London) and attached to Fitze Lodge No. 3406 Calcutta (Bengal). The Grand Superintendent in and over Bengal, and the two Lodges concerned, having accorded their consent, the Committee recommends that the prayer of the Memorial be granted.

Treasurer's Duties and Chapter Accounts

The companions appointed to the Audit Committee should, whenever possible, be senior members and have some knowledge of accountancy. Receipts and disbursements for social functions such as Ladies' Nights must never be included in the accounts relating to Chapter funds.

The **Committee recommends** that the Quarterly Convocation of Grand Chapter held on the last Wednesday in July should be done away with. The committee feels that the amount of business which has to be brought before the Grand Chapter does not really justify the holding of four meetings a year. The second recommendation is that this May meeting of Grand Chapter might be advanced to the day following the Annual Festival of Grand Lodge. The third recommendation is that with regard to the other two convocations, those in February and November, we should follow the suggested change which Grand Lodge is making and hold our Convocations on the second Wednesday in the month instead of the first.

This was moved and duly agreed upon.

The Grand Principals

Lord Cadogan was made Deputy Grand Master at the March Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge. That means this: that just as the Grand Master automatically becomes the First Grand Principal so the Deputy Grand Master automatically becomes the second Grand Principal. Lord Cadogan is already Second Grand Principal, but today he will be formally installed.

Lord Cadogan is a very able man. He holds prominent positions in many spheres. He is an hereditary trustee of the British Museum. His interests lie in many directions and he is very keen on Freemasonry. I wish you to give Lord Cadogan a welcome on taking over the office. (This was done accordingly.)

The names of those appointed to Grand Office were read by Grand Scribe E.

The third Quarterly Convocation was brief and largely given over to passing motions of which notices were previously given and to which reference has already been made.

Georgia

The 138th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Georgia was held at Macon, April 20-21, 1960.

Chapters 129. Membership 27,738. Net Gain 295.

M.E. Comp. Harry M. Stanley, Jr., Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. W. T. Bateman, Acting Grand Secretary.

Eleven Grand Officers were present and 17 Past Grand High Priests.

During the year Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary William J. Penn passed away and a splendid tribute was paid to his memory by Comp. Daniel W. Locklin following which a portrait of Comp. Penn was unveiled.

There were 111 Past High Priests in attendance and many distinguished visitors. A telegram was sent to M.E. Comp. James C. Newton, Grand Treasurer, conveying best wishes for his recovery. This was

the first time Comp. Newton had missed being present at the Grand Chapter in 38 consecutive years. [A splendid record of service.]

M. Ex. Comp. S. Bruce Hildebrand, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, extended greetings from the state and invited the companions of Georgia to visit the York Rite Bodies of their state in High Point during the month of May.

[I have the honour to represent this splendid jurisdiction, North Carolina, near Canada.]

Address of Grand High Priest —

"It is gratifying indeed that so many chapters are represented, and to see the fine attendance.

"During the year I made 185 visitations and conferred the Royal Arch Degree 42 times on 459 candidates; also 16 other Masonic Degrees on 127 candidates (a total of 587). I travelled 20,002 miles as your Grand Priest. Believing it to be in the interest of Capitular Masonry, I have issued many dispensations.

"In addition to the death of our Grand Secretary, W. J. Penn Jr., who has served this body in that capacity for 27 years, 340 of our companions have passed through the final arch to their life everlasting. To the chapters of which they were members we extend our sympathy and to their loved ones we trust that God will sustain them in their bereavement.

"I have made many visitations during the year. (14 pages of visitations — daily events from April 15, 1959, to April 19, 1960.)

"In the death on July 30, 1959, of Most Excellent Companion W. J. Penn Jr. Grand Secretary, I thought I had lost my right arm. A man of his efficiency, loyalty, faithfulness and ritualistic ability and the wonderful faculty of never forgetting a name is seldom found.

"Some of the things I have stressed are visitations and the talking up of Royal Arch Masonry wherever we go. We must not sit back and wait for the Blue Lodge Brothers to come to us for the Chapter Degrees. We must seek them and I urge you on every occasion to mention our wonderful organization to every potential candidate, telling him what he is missing in the way of further Masonic enlightenment, companionship and something for which we all vainly seek and do not receive until we are exalted.

"I would recommend that our August Body buy a page in the Masonic Messenger for monthly use, and that a competent Companion be delegated to write these articles.

"We are cheating the candidates and ourselves when the degrees are conferred by reading them from the ritual; also creating a bad impression concerning our beautiful degrees. I urge each one participating to learn his part. (A total of 17 recommendations were made.)"

Report of Grand Secretary showed a total gain of 1,466 and a total loss of 1,171 during 1959. Losses—demitted during 1959, 144; suspended, 687; died, 340. Membership on roll January 1, 1960, 27,738.

Eleven Grand General Grand Chapter Certificates were presented to Chapters showing a gain of 10 per cent or more.

Report of Grand Treasurer showed a balance in bank of $42,802.85 with total assets of $116,266.41.

Report of Committee on General Welfare—

Your committee notes with pleasure and satisfaction the completion of another successful year in the history of Georgia Capitular Masonry.

We call your attention to the untiring and unselfish labours in behalf of Royal Arch Masonry rendered by our Grand High Priest Most Excellent Companion Harry M. Stanley, Jr., who travelled more than

20,000 miles and exalted 459 candidates. He has performed the duties of his office with a devotion and fidelity that has endeared him to the Companions all over the state.

The **Committee on Necrology** gave a beautiful, touching and inspiring eulogy to the beloved Companions whom we have loved and lost awhile.

[The Tabular Statements and Statistical Tables are thoroughly informative and well arranged.]

Report on Fraternal Correspondence

The proceedings of 45 Grand Chapters were reviewed. 27 of these show gains ranging from 2 for Delaware up to 349 for Texas. 18 of the Grand Chapters showed losses which range from 9 for Washington up to 996 for Illinois. Total of all gains reported was 2,332; all losses 3,608. Losses exceeded gains by 1,276.

[General analysis — informative. Individual reviews — brief, condensed, presentation of highlights and factual data.]

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Raymond E. Keen, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. W. T. Bateman, Grand Secretary.

Idaho

The 52nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Idaho convened at Idaho Falls on May 18, 1960.

Chapters 21. Membership 3,048. Net loss 11 (as of January 1, 1960).

M.E. Comp. Herbert H. Eberle, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. Edward H. Way, Grand Secretary.

19 Chapters were represented and there were present many Distinguished Visitors as well as 13 Past Grand High Priests and a full complement of Grand Representatives. All were welcomed.

Report of Grand High Priest—

"The experience of the past year, going and coming among so many of you, is one I shall never forget and I shall cherish the friendships I have made as long as I live.

"We are a large family of Companions who share the same joys, the same hope, the same faith in the God of our fathers. There lies the secret of free-masonry — oneness of purpose in uniting all mankind to the truth of our relationship to God and man.

"Capitular Masonry is a life to be lived, not a series of ritualistic forms to be observed. It is a career to be lived, not an empty creed to which lip-service is given. It is a life with constant regard to our duties to God, our neighbours and ourselves, organized in morality, mellowed by earnest companionship, humanized in love and charity and dedicated to service.

Necrology

"This year we are especially saddened by the passing of two of our official family, Comp. Alex F. Anderson, Grand High Priest in 1939 and John A. Johnson, Grand High Priest in 1947. We miss their guiding hands and good counsel in our Convocations. Besides these two Past Grand High Priests there were 65 Companions in this Jurisdiction who were called to higher service. We miss them, and sympathize with relatives and friends.

"While the Grand Chapter will show a **loss of membership** this year, I believe that most of the Chapters are in good condition. The loss in a great measure is due to suspension for non-payment of dues. I would suggest to the High Priests that a **personal contact** with the Companions in their Chapters will do more to increase attendance, secure more pe-

titions, and generally improve the condition of the Chapter, than any other thing one can do. Let us in our Chapter activities and contacts, act like neighbours.

"We made two changes in our Ritual — a change of sequence in both the opening and closing in the Royal Arch Degree.

"Every year we add a little to what we had before. It is like a Mason laying bricks. A single brick goes only a little way in making a wall, yet it helps to make the work whole. So we build a wall, day by day, year by year. No one can say which particular brick built the wall, nor which particular Chapter built the structure of Capitular Masonry. Let us earnestly labor together for a finer, stronger and more effective institution of Royal Arch Masonry."

The Grand Treasurer's report showed a total on hand, checking and savings of $6,883.22 and a grand total on hand May 1, 1960, of $15,083.22.

Grand Secretary's report — the greatest gain in membership was by Mountain Home with 17; this is more than a 10% gain for the third consecutive year.

Report of Grand Lecturer (Comp. Ralph W. Hopffgarten)

"I feel that while some improvements have been made in Ritualistic Work this past year, there is a lot yet to be done. In most cases the Work is very creditable. However, a few Chapters seem to put little or no effort toward the Ritual Work. I believe that leadership has something to do with this, for without the proper leadership a Chapter is bound to suffer in Ritualistic Work and also in membership."

Companion Edward H. Way thanked the Grand Chapter for having re-elected him Grand Secretary but declined to accept the office. He had served as Grand Secretary for 38 years and was honoured at the dinner when he was presented with a plaque.

Report of Fraternal Correspondent —

[Comp. Herbert G. Fitz made a report of interesting and thought-provoking, brief observations, gleaned from various Grand Chapter proceedings, which indicate a keen sense of the significant and appropriate, and of which I am able to quote only a few.] Writes **Comp. Fitz** in his introduction, "Again I am saddened by the loud cries of **loss of membership** and impressed by the fact that little, if anything, is done about it. My report shall dwell to great extent upon this malady, as I believe it to be our **number one problem.** Many suggestions are made, but follow-up is lacking, we seem to have lost our general initiative." "The reports of the Grand High Priests averaged 11¼ pages, 3¾ pages less than last year. . . Fewer Grand High Priests reported upon their gastronomical achievements, thus making many reports more interesting."

Some of his quotes —

Washington: Attempted and failed to make the minimum dues $5.00 I couldn't understand this as $5.00 is to-day such a small amount.

Iowa: Let us remember that high performance in degree work is a MUST and above all, that there can be no work or growth without candidates, and a dearth thereof is usually in direct proportion to our lethargy.

Ireland: The Annual Report carries the names of Companions expelled and those suspended for N.P.D. This may be a strong deterrent for the exodus of members, for no man likes to see his name in print unfavourably.

Maryland: Has a system of rating Chapters. This should make a Chapter hump to keep out of the classification of poor work.

Alberta: Has a committee on Library, Research and Education. This must be a most important committee if it is active.

Texas: "Suspensions Public Enemy Number One" (10, 908 Exaltations, 5322 Suspensions).

Virginia: Have 6 degrees instead of 4 (3 in Canada) in the Royal Arch. (Select Master and Royal Master degrees). (In Canada these belong to Council.)

New York: (Fraternal Correspondent) The greatest honor that comes to the craftsman is the privilege of being able to work.

Iowa Grand Secretary: Opportunity is — what a **strong** Chapter makes for itself — what an **industrious** High Priest grasps — what a **lazy** one dreams about — what a **good** executive sees and makes the most of, what a weak one waits for. Comp. Fritz' closing words: "The perpetuation of our Order for future ages is a great challenge to us of to-day. Let us leave something for our projeny besides a public debt."

[I have quoted various observations made by Comp. H. J. Fitz in the hopes that his piquant remarks and quotes may lift us out of our too-frequent lethargy, and as illustration of the fact that this Companion notes what many of us overlook.]

Illinois

The 111th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Illinois was held at Chicago on May 20-21, 1960.

Chapters (active) 188. Membership 32,734. Net Loss 1,037.

M.E. Comp. Mark C. Morgan, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Edward E. Core, Grand Secretary.

Many Distinguished Guests were welcomed and given appropriate Grand Honours, among these was Companion Luther Jordan, M.E. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

The reception of 9 Past Grand High Priests followed.

Among the long list of representatives from other Grand Bodies who conveyed fraternal greetings we note: Bruce H. Smith, Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada, and Maurice A. Searle, Past Grand First Principal, Grand Scribe E., Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

Report of Grand High Priest—"A year is a short space of time. We embark on a new venture only to find that we have hardly started before the year is over. We lost none of our official family this year and we are grateful. Our Constituent Chapters were not so fortunate and lost many Companions and Past Grand High Priests.

Since writing the Necrology I have lost one of my very dear friends, Companion David Isenhour, with whom I have served on the Board of Grand Examiners for five years. We will miss Companion Isenhour.

For over twenty years this Grand Chapter has been fortunate in having Companion Ernest Core as our Grand Secretary. Early during the capitular year, because of his illness, I found it necessary to appoint an assistant Grand Secretary, Comp. Lyle Melvin. I wish to take this opportunity to congratulate Companion Melvin for having done an exceptionally fine job. It is obvious that consolidations and the resultant shrinkage in the number of constituent bodies indicates decreased interest and a decline in overall membership. York Rite Masonry has so much to offer the Craft that we should be militant and expanding rapidly rather than losing ground. The intelligent person faces facts with a courageous heart and determines that defeat shall be turned into victory.

It is becoming increasingly evident that many Chapters are sus-

pending delinquent members without exhausting every means to collect all or a part of the amount owing. These **suspensions** are the greatest reason for our continuing loss in membership. I feel very strongly that the Grand Chapter and the Grand High Priest should have the power to review these suspensions before the Companion is notified, and the right to nullify the proceeding if, in his judgment, every effort has not been made to collect all or part of the delinquent dues.

This year we have attempted to hold Grand Officers' meetings bi-monthly. At these meetings we discussed the problems that had arisen and those we anticipated. I recommend that my successors continue these bi-monthly meetings to the end that a long range policy may evolve which will better fit each incoming Grand High Priest for his office by making him cognizant of the workings of that office prior to his installation. [A good suggestion.]

During the year I made many visitations. A number of Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter have been in difficulties for several years. Several of these Chapters have considered **consolidation.** A committee was appointed to investigate each request for consolidation. In several cases the committee report recommended consolidation and the Chapters involved, after having complied with the provision of Code 531, receiving favourable approval to consolidate.

In turning over the gavel of authority to my successor I am not retiring from labour, but am joining the ranks of those whose interest and zeal is forever directed towards the advancement of Royal Arch Masonry. May I prove worthy of membership in this distinguished group."

Report of Grand Secretary—

Chartered Chapters—Active 188, vacant 101. Gain—Exalted 739, admitted, including consolidations, 553, restored 78, errors 13; total, 1,383. Loss—demitted 418, suspended 624, died 852, annual returns 30, consolidation 497; total, 2,421. Net loss 1,037. Total membership December 31, 1959, 32,734.

Report of Grand Treasurer showed total receipts to be $106,515.38, with a balance in the General Fund of $73,284.65 and total assets of $129,784.65 (a very healthy financial condition).

Report on Fraternal Relations

[In the foreword to his report on Fraternal Relations M.E. Comp. Everett R. Turnbull takes a poignant leave of his office after 41 years of outstanding achievement as Grand Reviewer in these words:]

"This is my 41st and last report on Fraternal Relations. I was appointed by Grand High Priest William G. Somner in 1918 and have hit the typewriter keys ever since. During that time I have made many friends but they are all gone, while I alone am left. It is now ninety years and nine months since I first saw the light of day and my eyes are getting tired and my fingers are not accurate.

"I still enjoy life and am not troubled about the approach of the grim reaper. That time is rapidly approaching for me, but I am not worrying about it. I have some dear ones that I expect to see again. So, I tell you one and all, goodbye and wish for my successor your support."

[May I add my congratulations to M.E. Comp. E. R. Turnbull for his remarkable service to Capitular Masonry through a long and useful period devoted to the building of a beautiful temple. B. S. S.]

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. William E. Crouch, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. Lyle R. Melvin, Grand Secretary.

Indiana

The 115th Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Indiana was held in Indianapolis on November 4-5, 1960.

Chapters, 109; Membership, 26,803; Net Loss, 368.

M.E. Richard M. Stephenson, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Earl B. Forney, Grand Secretary.

There were 21 Past Grand High Priests in attendance, and 58 Grand Representatives near Grand Chapter of Indiana answered the Roll Call. Canada's Representative M. H. Baugh was absent because of illness.

Address of Grand High Priest.

"We are honoured at this Convocation by the presence of a number of distinguished guests from other jurisdictions as well as distinguished guests from our sister bodies in our own state. We welcome you all.

It is with deepest sorrow that we announce the death of three of our beloved Past Grand High Priests and 595 of our companions. Our hearts go out to all the bereaved.

It is encouraging to note the improvement shown in the last year by many chapters and their improved condition speaks well for the future.

There were five chapters having reports critical enough to require immediate attention. Three of these chapters have taken some corrective measures which we hope will bring good results.

At the present time I have had nothing to indicate that there is any change for the betterment of the condition of two chapters and have accordingly sent my entire file on each chapter to the Charters and Dispensation Committee, along with my recommendation that their charter be revoked or that they be caused to consolidate by action of the Grand Convocation.

During the year I made many **visitations** throughout the state as well as to Sister Jurisdictions.

One of the most pleasant duties which I have performed was the opportunity to issue to a group of interested companions of Bridgeport, Indiana, a dispensation to organize a new Royal Arch Chapter in that location."

Report of **Grand Treasurer** showed a balance on hand on September 30, 1960, of $37,806.91 and Treasury Bonds to the value of $36,000.00.

The **Grand Secretary** reported that during the year 87 companions completed fifty years of Capitular Masonry and received their Fifty-year Gold Award.

Membership January 1, 1959—27,171.

Gains during year: Exalted, 757; affiliated, 40; restored, 63; total gain, 860.

Losses: Suspended, 341; demitted, 292; died, 595; total loss, 1,228.

Membership December 31, 1959—26,803. Net loss 368.

Election of Officers—M.E. Comp. John W. Hack, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. Earl B. Forney, Grand Secretary.

Iowa

The 104th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Iowa was held in Sioux City April 22-23, 1960.

Chapters 91. Membership 16,183. Net Loss 17.

M.E. Comp. Philip Pitts, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. Ross J. Camblin, Grand Secretary.

Several Distinguished Guests were received and given appropriate honours. There were 11 Past Grand High Priests in attendance and 49 Grand Representatives responded to the roll call.

Address of Grand High Priest —

"Last year 346 Companions of this Grand Jurisdiction passed away. We miss them all — we are saddened by their absence.

"During the year I made many visitations. On May 25th I attended a special convocation of Corinthian Chapter No. 14 of Des Moines honouring their secretary, Hans O. Hjetland, for his thirty years of service in this office. In September I visited Eagle Grove Chapter No. 123. On this date they held a Chapter Day in honour of their Past High Priests, conferring all the Degrees without any outside help on a class of 17 candidates. This was a great achievement and sets a high goal for other Chapters to aim at. On October 31st my own Chapter, Sioux City No. 26, held a reception for me and my staff of officers. This was one of the most delightful occasions I have ever experienced.

"On March 16, 17 and 18th I attended the annual sessions of the Grand Council and Grand Chapter of North Dakota. The Companions of North Dakota were excellent hosts and it was a pleasure visiting with our neighbours from other states and some of the provinces of Canada.

"These are only a few of the visits I have made.

"Among the Grand Representatives accredited we note **Ontario** — L. Paul Morris, Bedford.

"Appointed to represent the Grand Chapter of Iowa near their Grand Jurisdiction was **Ontario** — Carroll E. Griffin.

"During the year **30 fifty-year certificates** were issued by the Grand Secretary. It has been one of our greatest problems to stimulate sufficient interest throughout our Grand Jurisdiction to keep all of our Chapters active, healthy, and growing. It has become increasingly more difficult for some Chapters to adequately carry the load incumbent upon them. We have urged Chapters to join forces to help each other. One of the great problems is to improve the presentation of our degrees. A candidate forms his first impression of our Order, and it is a lasting one, when he has the degrees conferred upon him.

"It is regrettable that we must report a loss of 17 members the past year. It is doubly disapppointing because although the number of our exaltations increased, the number of our suspensions and demissions prevented our showing an increase or even holding our own. Have we failed somehow along the line to properly indoctrinate our members with the tenets and precepts of our profession?

"**Do we fail** to secure and hold a companion's interest **because** we do not solicit his assistance and participation in the work of the Chapter, thus making him feel that he is an important and integral part of the institution? There is nothing wrong with Masonry. Masonry has stood the test of both time and experience. The ravages of time, the devastations of wars and the ridicule of the ignorant and intolerant have failed to dim its lustre. Masonry has remained standing like a beacon light, pointing the way to a better life to all who will conform to its precepts and accept its unchangeable and everlasting truths."

[A truly comprehensive and thought-provoking report.]

Report of Grand Secretary — members Dec. 31, 1958 last reported 16,202; **increase** — exalted 605, admitted 46, reinstated 62, total 713; **decrease** — demitted 162, suspended N.P.D. 222, died 346, total 730; net loss 17.

Report of **Grand Treasurer** showed a bank balance of $12,681.51.

Report of Committee on **Necrology** —

It is our duty to report to you the passing of 346 Companions among them four have, during recent years, been honored with the rank of "Knights of the Royal Arch". They are John Hildore, Mt. Zion Chapter No. 106, Rockford; Roy Carpenter, Chariton Chapter No. 22, Chariton; Rev. Ludwig Koening, Antioch Chapter No. 110, Des Moines; William R. Whitcomb, Osage Chapter No. 36, Osage.

"To live in the memory of others is not to die." May we who survive carry high the Torch which they have placed in our hands.

The **speaker at the Grand Chapter banquet** was Wilfred J. McGregor, Past Grand First Principal, Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba, Canada. His subject was "What Is Success?" The **address** was indeed eloquent and inspiring and was based on this quotation: "God give me the serenity to accept the things that I cannot change, the courage to change the things that I can, and the wisdom to know the difference." What is success? As we grow older we realize that success is certainly not in just becoming, nor is it alone in becoming famous, but rather in happiness and contentment in our homes and in our contacts with the world. Contentment is more often found in doing the little things in life, rather than in the great. In the little things that we do and say from day to day; these add up to success.

[Sorry I canot give space to quote freely.]

The Auditor's report showed that in the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Iowa, the Charity Fund showed total bonds accounted for to be $121,280.00.

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Milton Schoell, Grand High Priest; M.E. Comp. Ross J. Camblin, Grand Secretary.

Ireland

Chapters, 395; Membership not stated.

Annual Report of **Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland**, 1960.

M.E. Sydney Hanna, District Grand King, in a letter to his R.E. Grand Registrar, J. O. Harte, dated December, 1960, makes the following comments: "The reports of the various Districts (9 in Ireland, 3 South Africa, 1 New Zealand) are very encouraging and satisfactory and reflect the healthy state of affairs of our Order.

The attendance at Grand Chapter meetings has been steadily improving.

At our **June Convocation in Dublin** we had a visit from M.E. Provincial Grand Superintendent, Natal, and M.E. Comp. Andrew J. Steyn, Provincial Grand Superintendent, Southern Cape (who reported that Irish Royal Arch Masonry is well supported in Southern Africa.)

My visits to subordinate chapters were characterized by good attendance and that feeling of companionship which permeates our whole Order. In October, I had my first visit to Chapter No. 325 in Gibraltar. It is encouraging to see the interest taken by members of the English and Scottish Constitutions who are also companions of our Chapter."

Stated Convocations of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Ireland are held in Freemasons' Hall, Dublin, on the first Wednesday, in the months of February, May and November and the third Wednesday in June at 8 o'clock p.m.

New District Grand Chapter: At the June Convocation a petition for forming District Grand Chapter of Midlands was received and approved. The Constitution Ceremony took place at Mountmellick at a Special Convocation of Supreme Grand Chapter. Represented at this were the

following Grand Chapters: Scotland, Louisiana, New York, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Carolina, Nova Scotia, Quebec and Argentina.

Obituary: Regret for the death of three Past Grand High Priests was expressed, and tributes for their faithful service to Irish Royal Arch Masonry—M.E. Comp. Major T. Wallace Dickie; M.E. Comp. Dr. Stephen Garvin, and M.E. Comp. David W. Finlay.

Quarterly Convocations

Reports of other Convocations at Cork on May 7, and at Dublin as stated above follows. M.E. Donald McCaughey, D.G.C. Antrim in his report states: "I had the pleasure of visiting the Province of Ontario, Canada. I met the M.E. Companion Rt. Hon. Dr. W. J. Dunlop [since deceased] Past Grand Master, Ontario; James Maher, P.G.M. and P. Grand Z; and Maurice Searle, P.G.Z. and present Grand secretary Royal Arch Masons, Ontario, Canada. Other reports of District Grand Chapters convey interesting information largely of a local nature. The reports from Natal and South Cape Province express delight at their visits to Supreme Grand Chapter in Dublin during June, referring to it as the "highlight of my Masonic career."

The Annual Report closes with statement of payments made by each of the 395 Royal Arch Chapters on the Roll of Supreme Grand Royal Chapter of Ireland during the year 1960.

Kansas

The 95th Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons was held on March 7-8, 1960, at Topeka.

Chapters 89. Membership 16,073. Net loss 145.

M.E. Comp. Ralph M. Burlin, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Harry E. Crosswhite, Deputy Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Charles S. McGinness, Grand Secretary.

Total representation at Grand Chapter 219. 13 present Grand officers, 12 past Elective Officers, 115 Past High Priests and 79 Chapter Represenatives.

Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters, 50; Distinguished Visitors, 39; District Deputy Grand High Priests, 14; number of Chapters represented, 56; number of Chapters not represented, 33.

M.E. J. Luther Jordan, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter, was escorted to the East, welcomed and presented with the gavel.

The Distinguished Visitors were welcomed and accorded the Grand Honours. The Grand High Priest instructed the Grand Secretary to call the roll of the Grand Representatives and 44 approached the Altar.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"May I extend to each of you a hearty welcome to this, our 59th Annual Convocation. We earnestly express our thanks to our Almighty Creator for keeping our Grand Chapter line intact for this past year. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the bereaved loved ones of those Companions of our own and other Grand Jurisdictions. May God's love and blessings be a source of strength to them in their time of grief and loss.

I cannot compliment too highly the District Deputy Grand High Priests for the splendid service performed this year. The Grand Chapter is greatly indebted to the Grand Lecturers for their excellent work.

It was my good fortune to visit the Grand Chapters of Oklahoma, Colorado and Nebraska.

I made many visitations within our own Jurisdiction. On June 10, 1

went to Russel Chapter No. 64 to present three fifty-year service emblems. I urge High Priests and Secretaries to search their records for these worthy Companions and arrange for presentation of emblems.

The School held April 18-19 for the instruction of the District Deputy Grand High Priest and the Grand Officers was very successful. Excellent instruction was provided by our Grand Lecturer, Martin Lesser, assisted by our Junior Past Grand High Priest, who was formerly a Grand Lecturer. The **Centennial Meetings** of Washington Chapter No. 1 at Atchison was the **highlight** of the capitular year. Our original goal of one hundred candidates for the centennial seemed far too many in my estimation, but I did not count on the fervency and zeal of the Companions of Washington Chapter. When the last petition was presented we found we had 124 candidates from 28 different Chapters, with something in the neighbourhood of 400 Companions in attendance. It was a wonderful meeting.

The State of the Order is one topic I would be glad to eliminate from this report. The fact that the loss is not as great as in the past few years is no consolation, nor that the other Grand Bodies have also had losses is no balm to our feelings. I do believe that Masons everywhere should become aware of this situation and make definite plans to improve it.

Personal visits help to explain to the Companions the value of their membership. We must make a definite effort to stop these losses.

The Grand Chapter of Kansas is fortunate indeed to have such a wonderful Grand Secretary. The support of the many Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests has been a source of inspiration throughout the year."

Report of **Grand Treasurer**—cash balance total, $33,621.04. Maturity value of all bonds, $21,500.00.

The **Grand Secretary** gave a splendid detailed report. Most of the statistics have already been reported earlier in this review.

The Committee on **Fraternal Relations** reported:

"We are pleased to report that very cordial relations exist between this Grand Chapter and the Grand Chapters of all the other states. Also we have the same fine relations with many other Grand Jurisdictions in many parts of the world.

Within the border of the continental United States the Royal Arch Chapters have made some progress, although we regret to report that several Grand Chapters, including our own, have suffered losses. We feel that these losses are due to many factors, the chief of which are the great number of deaths, the business recession and the failure to get all of the available prospective members to sign petitions for the Chapter Degrees."

George F. Kerrick, Chairman of Committee on Correspondence, reviewed 44 Grand Chapter proceedings from which he makes a series of interesting brief deductions.

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Harry E. Crosswhite, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. Charles S. McGinness, Grand Secretary.

Louisiana

The 113th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Louisiana was held at Alexandria March 14, 15, 1960.

Chapters 63. Membership 10,507. Net Gain 71.

M.E. Comp. Charles H. Burgess, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. Lee W. Harris, Grand Secretary.

Most Ex. Comp. Grand High Priest J. Luther Jordan and General

Grand Chaplain Alton A. McKnight were welcomed and given Grand Honours.

M.I. Grand Master of the Grand Council Royal and Select Masters of Louisiana and M.W. Grand Master Frank Brown of the Grand Lodge were also welcomed and given Grand Honours.

Among the Grand Representatives who answered the roll call was R.E. Comp. A. A. McKnight, who represented Canada.

Address of Grand High Priest:

"If Capitular Masonry is to succeed in this State every Companion must endeavour to live up to his obligation. My own experience has been that we are not willing to forego our own pleasures and be willing to give more time and attention to Capitular Masonry. Let us make a firm resolution to build up Capitular Masonry in the State by practicing the teachings of Masonry.

I have made visits to Sister Jurisdictions during the year. In May, 1959, I attended the Grand Convocation of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of Mississippi and November 30, 31 and December 1 I attended the Convocation at Waco, Texas. I was represented by M.E. Comp. John Wall Felps at the Grand Council of Florida and by M.E. Comp. Herbert Jennings at the Grand Chapter of Colorado. I made many visitations in our own Jurisdiction and enjoyed them all.

On June 8, 1959, I called an emergent Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons at Coushatta Masonic Temple, Coushatta, for the purpose of instituting Coushatta Chapter U.D. There were 42 Companions present and 14 Chapters represented.

On September 18 and 19, 1959, the Southwestern Conference of Grand Chapter Officers was held at Hot Springs, Arkansas, in the Masonic Temple. Timely subjects presented by several Companions proved very interesting. Some of the subjects discussed were to improve attendance, plan programs for stated meetings, how to reduce suspensions and Masonic Education."

General Grand High Priest J. Luther Jordan addressed the Grand Chapter on affairs of General Grand Chapter, relating certain interesting cases in which General Grand Chapter had a definite part in promoting Capitular Masonry.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance of $6,642.08 in the savings account on February 29, 1960, and a balance of $13,823.79 in the checking account. Total maturity value of bonds $46,800.00 and total financial assets of $67,379.95.

Election of Officers—M.E. Comp. Harry B. Manning, Grand High Priest; M.E. Comp. Lee W. Harris, Grand Secretary.

Maine

The 135th Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maine was held at Portland on May 3, 1960.

Chapters 69. Membership 12,218. Net loss 177.

M.E. Comp. Ira D. Turner, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Earle D. Webster, Grand Secretary.

There were 60 of the 69 chartered Chapters represented, all the Past Grand High Priests, 16 of the other permanent members of 53 of the Representatives of other Grand Chapters were present.

There were many Distinguished Guests in attendance, among them several High Priests from other Grand Jurisdictions. All were welcomed and given Grand Honours.

Address of Grand High Priest

"I extend to each and every Companion the warmest of fraternal greetings. We have been fortunate this year in that our Grand Line has been left intact and we have not lost any of our permanent members. However, there have been many losses in our subordinate Chapters. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

There was an improvement this year in Chapters rated excellent and very good. With a membership of 12,395 total attendance at official visitations was just under **fifteen per cent including visitors**, but **of the members present, Past High Priests accounted for forty per cent of this total.**

Many Chapters are finding it difficult to get officers to fill the chairs. In some Chapters the same High Priest is re-elected year after year. Some Chapters have been unable to hold meetings for a lack of a quorum. Unpaid dues in some Chapters are much too high and in the case of three or four Chapters no effort is made to collect same.

One Chapter was rated poor when probably it should not have been rated as they didn't present work. While they did have ten members present besides the inspecting officers, most of the line officers were absent, two candidates were in waiting and they were finally sent home without receiving their degrees. Reason given for the absence of the line officers was that most of them had gone hunting.

[Very difficult for this Reviewer to understand. We have never had a similar situation in our Jurisdiction. (Canada).]

"I would also like to thank the Grand Scribe and Grand King for their visits to other Jurisdictions, where they so ably represented this Grand Chapter.

(Other activities of the Grand High Priest are listed along with his official visitations in the Jurisdicton and visitations to other Grand Jurisdictions—New Hampshire, Nova Scotia and Massachusetts.)

"Thought should be given to having District or Area degree teams that could function year in and and out that would give us perfectionists in ritual work, thus freeing the Chapter Officer to promote Capitular Masonry."

R.E. Comp. Charles R. Leavitt submitted a lengthy report of activities, mostly in Maine, several in New Brunswick. Several Grand Officers represented interesting detailed reports of their activities.

The **Grand Treasurer** reported receipts of $22,366.31 and total assets of $105,841.06.

The report of the Grand Secretary showed: members exalted 261, affiliated 19, demitted 117, died 276, reinstated 39, suspended N.P.D. 103; net loss 179.

The Grand Lecturer reports: of the 69 chartered Chapters 24 were not represented at at least one of the schools.

M.E. Comp. Higgins reporting for the Committee on Condition of the Fraternity said: "The financial condition of all but two of the Chapters is sound with bank deposits and invested sums totalling over $175,000.00.

The figure for **average attendance, 17 per cent**, presents an unfavourable condition of diminished interest in the Craft and a lack of loyalty and support for the officers."

Comp. Henry R. Gillis comments that: "The usual strictures on lack of interest, poor attendance, poor and indifferent degree work, lack of leadership receive more than usual comment in the reports of Grand High Priests, Grand Lecturers and Committees on **State of the Rite.**

Good work and competent leadership will eliminate the complaints concerning lack of interest, poor attendance, etc."

Comp. Gillis gives Canada a splendid write up. He writes: "In all respects the Grand Z.'s address, a most enlightening and informative write-up of his tireless efforts in behalf of Royal Arch Masonry in Ontario." He also makes kindly reference to our Capitular Review. His review throughout shows careful reading and wise judgment in his comments and quotations.

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Charles R. Leavitt, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. Earle D. Webster, Grand Secretary.

Manitoba

The 37th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Manitoba was held at Winnipeg on February 10, 1960.

Chapters 18. Membership 2,379. Net Gain 7.

M.E. Comp. R. A. Carruthers, Grand Z.

M.E. Comp. C. J. Hutchings, Grand Scribe E.

The Most Worshipful the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba, Most Worshipful Brother Wesley D. G. Runions, and the Grand Secretary, M.W. Bro. Thomas C. Jackson, were introduced and given Grand Honours.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor of the Province of Manitoba, Honourable Companion Errick F. Willis, Q.C., was likewise warmly and appropriately welcomed.

The flags of Canada and the United States of America were presented in a colourful ceremony.

His Honour the Lieutenant-Governor extended greetings and a most cordial welcome from the Government of the Province of Manitoba. Bro. Dr. W. L. Martin, M.L.A., and Deputy Speaker of the Legislature, extended greetings and a cordial welcome to the distinguished guests and Companions and conveyed the regrets of Honourable Companion Roblin, the Premier of Manitoba, that he could not be present.

Address of the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge M. Wor. Bro. W. D. G. Runions: "The fact that you have invited the Grand Master and the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Manitoba to share with you in your proceedings, regardless of the fact that we are not members of your Grand Chapter, indicates the tie of allegiance which binds all Masons to the fundamental principles of the Craft.

The course of Masonry into the future is one straight line from where we stand as Masons today—carefully posted with our ancient landmarks that have been severely tested in the crucible of time—and leads into eternity. Our aims and purposes today are exactly the same as they were in the beginning and should remain exactly as they are until time is no more. If Masons of every age yielded to their temporal influences and changed our ritual and usages to conform to their changing world, our Ancient Craft Masonry would have lost much of the potent influence for good which it has exerted through the ages."

There were 13 Past Grand First Principals present. They were received and given Grand Honours. The Most Excellent the Grand First Principal thanked them for their assistance and support on his official visits throughout the year.

Address of Grand First Principal

"May each one of you take your full share in the proceedings today, so that Royal Arch Masonry in Manitoba will prosper for the good of mankind. Our conditions are changing as we progress to a higher civilization, but the fundamental truth remains the same.

No Grand Chapter Convocation can be a success without visitors, because their presence is a concrete demonstration of the friendship,

goodwill and mutual admiration that exists among Royal Arch Masons.

Let us stand and pause for a minute to honour the Companions who have passed on to the Grand Chapter Above. Our sympathy goes out to the bereaved families. One outstanding Companion missed from our Convocation today, and he was our first Grand First Principal, is the late M.E. Comp. William D. Lawrence, who was instrumental in forming our Grand Chapter and had been an active worker until his passing to the Great Beyond, October 13, 1959. His memory will live always in the hearts of his fellow Companions.

The successful 1959 competitor for the Merit Award Shield was Prince of Wales Chapter No. 11, Winnipeg.

During the year I made an official visit to each Chapter.

(There follows an interesting account of these visits, including a list of Companions who attended with him.)

On April 28-29 I attended the Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada held in Toronto. I was royally entertained. The meetings were handled systematically and a great amount of work was dealt with in the minimum of time.

On August 12-13 I attended the 13th Annual Conference of Grand Chapters of Royal Arch Masons held in Ottawa. It is hoped that all the Grand Chapters of Canada will take a more active part in the proceedings. M.E. Comp. C. M. Pitts has put untiring effort and expense into organizing this conference and hopes the same enthusiasm will be carried on in the years ahead.

Port Lawrence Chapter No. 176, Toledo, Ohio, composed most of the degree team which travelled to Winnipeg on May 29 to 31 to exemplify the Holy Royal Arch degree on three of our Companions. The degree was exemplified in a manner that will long be remembered by us. It was fully dramatized so that all of us could picture the scenes as they took place.

Twenty-one dispensations were issued during the year. Twenty-five year Past Principal certificates have been presented to nine Ex. Past First Principals.

The First Principal should be an individualist with high ideals and with courage to back them up. The First Principal should have his plans well formed before being installed and discuss them in the executive meeting.

On vacating this chair I pledge my full support to the incoming officers and the good of the Chapters. May the coming term be the best year for Capitular Masonry."

The Grand Treasurer reported total assets of $4,726.45.

Grand Scribe E. reported a net gain of 7. Only seven Chapters had net gains. Eleven Chapters suffered losses. Two Chapters will be awarded the General Grand Chapter ten per cent increase certificate. The number of life members increase during the year from 187 to 197.

Report of the Custodians of the Work

At the 36th Annual Convocation it was decided to adopt the **Manual of Instructions** published by the Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario, subject to minor changes to be recommended and approved by the Custodians of the Work at a meeting to be held after the Annual Convocation.

Forty-two Grand Representatives from other Grand Jurisdictions attended the Convocation.

Report of Fraternal Correspondent M.E. Comp. Alex Cabel—

"I have read the proceedings of 54 of our Grand Chapters. Thirty Grand Chapters have shown a gain of from 5 to 349, while 24 Grand

Chapters suffered a loss of from 1 to 394. All Grand Chapters in Canada and the British Commonwealth whose proceedings have been received showed an increase of from 5 to 227. A total of 25,827 were exalted.

The address of the Grand Officers were of a high calibre. They all stressed the great importance of our Grand Old Order and its tenets which, if used by us all, will greatly help to clear up a lot of the misunderstanding in our world today.

The most noticeable thing in the whole of these reviews is the continued appeal of all Grand First Principals and Grand High Priests in their addresses to the Constituent Chapters for leadership and for a planned program of their Convocations so that they can get as many as possible of their Companions interested in the meetings.

Attached herewith is a statistical table which I hope will be of some interest to the Companions." [It is of real value.]

Election of officers: R.Ex. Comp. F. C. Nixon, Grand Z.; M.Ex. Comp. C. J. Hutchings, Grand Scribe E.

Maryland

The 163rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Maryland was held in Baltimore on December 13, 1960.

Chapters 27. Membership 7,454. Net Loss 39.

M.E. Comp. Joseph C. Bryan III, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. D. Ross Vansant, Jr., Grand Secretary.

There were 11 Past Grand High Priests in attendance and many distinguished visitors.

Address of Grand High Priest

"Our Grand Chapter, and all men and Masons who knew them, lost this year two of the "loveliest and best." P.G.H.P. James Hamner Falk died while walking into church on a Sunday morning, and P.G.H.P. Hanford Lockwood Sarles died while driving his car. Nineteen other permanent members completed their service this year as well as 157 Companions of our Subordinate Chapters. We will miss them.

There were four **Regional meetings** held. At these meetings our plans were made for the year. Every High Priest was asked to prepare his meetings in advance and were given plans for interesting meetings. Many High Priests gave me their plans for their regular and special convocations a year in advance. Some of these meetings were outstanding.

P.G.H.P. Smyrk, our **Grand Lecturer**, was ever present to guide in any matter, especially in the law and ritual of the Chapter. Our Grand Secretary P.G.H.P. Vansant also gave valuable and necessary assistance.

Interest in Chapter Masonry is on the upswing. Companions, don't hide your talent. Use it. The woods would be very silent if no birds sang except those that sang best.

All **Grand Visitations** were made as scheduled. The Grand Officers have visited with me. Degree work was requested to be done by the officers of the Chapter visited, where possible.

I used a different subject for my address at each Chapter.

[A goodly list of 10 pages of visitations and activities follows.]

Our membership of 7,475 is 39 less than we had last year. During the year a total of 252 members were added to our rolls. Death took 178 members. If we stopped there we would have gained 74 members. But the story goes on: 61 demitted, 50 suspended and 2 were expelled, making a total of 113 over which, if we don't, we should have some control.

All Chapters, except 2, had work and conferred the degrees on candidates. In most cases the work was well done. Our past is written, let us give thought and put every effort into today."

The **Grand Treasurer's** report showed a balance in the bank of $13,479.05.

Report of Grand Inspectors

"The Grand Inspectors have made a total of 37 visits to the Chapters assigned to them, whereas the required number of visits are 66. Nine Grand Inspectors made the required number of visits; nine Grand Inspectors failed to report any visits, and many Grand Inspectors also accompanied the M.E. Grand High Priest on many of his Grand Visitations."

For comparison I submit the following excerpt from the Report of Grand Inspector of 1941:

"The Grand Inspectors have made 90 visits, whereas the required amount should have been 70 visits. Seven Inspectors exceeded the requirements as to the number of visits, and 2 failed to report any visits."

It appears rather unusual that the Grand Inspectors did so well in 1941 but not so well in 1960."

The **Committee on Revision of Constitution** submitted several significant amendments.

Election of officers—M.E. W. Johnson Bonner, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. D. Ross Vansant, Jr., Grand Secretary.

Michigan

The 112th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Michigan was held in Detroit October 21-22, 1960.

Chapters 145. Membership 30,175. Net Loss 376.

M.E. William A. Hudson, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Orlow J. Myers, Grand Secretary.

All Grand Officers answered the roll call as well as 15 Past Grand High Priests and 26 District Deputies. There were 101 Grand Priests and 111 Past High Priests in attendance. 128 Chapters were represented.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"I would like to share with you thoughts that have come to me as a result of my experience as a craftsman and as a member of this Grand Family.

Candidates for the Royal Arch degrees can be found only in the Symbolic Lodges. A potential source for future candidates lies in the youth of our land. We must do all we can to help bring them into contact with the basic principles of Masonry, morality and brotherly love.

Progress does not merely happen, it exists because some guiding spirit activates its operation and controls and guides its destiny.

The true value of Masonry is found in the success it has in molding the minds and lives of men, rather than in its age, its wealth, its numbers or its prestige.

History teaches us that nations are not destroyed from without, rather they die from decay from within, from disease of those rugged qualities and spiritual values that may have made them great.

I am convinced that many worthy and deserving Companions have been lost through suspension or withdrawal because no one took enough interest in their welfare to find out why the Companion had not paid his dues or led the Companion to request a withdrawal. There is always

some Companion in the Chapter who can induce a Companion who is in arrears to pay his back dues, or induce a disgruntled Companion to reconsider a request for withdrawal. No Companion should be suspended or a withdrawal certificate issued until one or more worthy Companions have had a friendly talk with the Companion regarding his request for a withdrawal or his failure to meet his financial obligations. Preserve every craftsman as a member of the Craft."

During the year many visitations were made within our own Jurisdiction as well as visitations to Grand Bodies outside of Michigan.

[Among the visitations we note one made on January 23, 1960, to the Thomas Peters Royal Arch Chapter No. 250, Windsor, Canada, and on April 11-13, 1960, to the 102nd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario.]

[Among the seven page of **special Dispensations** granted we note April 76, 1960, to Union Chapter No. 55—to visit Palestine Chapter No. 54 Royal Arch Masons of St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada, to exemplify the Most Excellent Masters Degree on May 7th.]

"During the past year, I have observed a growing interest and an improved morale in Royal Arch Masonry throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. Many Chapters that had but little or no work for many months have begun to confer degrees. Stronger chapters are helping the weak ones to do their work. Visitations to the symbolic Lodges have increased with the result that more brethren of the Symbolic Lodges are aware of the existence of Royal Arch Chapters. I am pleased with what I see."

Report of **Grand Treasurer**—Total to account for $104,406.89 with a balance remaining of $71,137.39. Total assets $100,942.72.

Report of **Grand Secretary**	1958	1959
Membership at beginning of year	30,900	30.551
Exalted in the year	1,015	1,037
Affiliated in the year	185	100
Restored in the year	50	59
	32,150	31,747
Gain	1,250	1,196
Died in the year	764	735
Withdrawn	286	329
Demitted and transferred	220	131
Suspended and expelled	329	377
Totals to deduct	1,599	1,572
Total membership December 27	30,551	30,175
Net loss	349	376

Number of chapters having exaltations, 121; number of chapters having no exaltations, 24.

Number of chapters showing gain in membership, 34; number of chapters showing loss, 101.

[Significant to note that the total loss of 376 is one less than the number suspended and expelled during the year.]

Report of Committee on Public Relations

"Freemasonry has always borne its share of the burdens of good society and, by unleashing a tremendous flow of human relations best known as the Brotherhood of Man, the Craft has become the richest and most influential Fraternity in the entire world. We have become a truly universal Brotherhood of Man working under the Fatherhood of God.

"Early in 1960 a series of area workshops was decided upon and the most successful of these was held under the auspices of Royal Oak Chapter No. 167 on March 19th. The workshop consisted of a general discussion which was followed by a series of class discussions.

"Many excellent conclusions were arrived at. The advantages gained will be used for the benefit of all of the chapters in the Michigan Jurisdiction. The Committee, three years ago, in preparing its material for Officer Seminars, suggested that various types of cards could be prepared by the various chapters and sent to companions. "We Miss You" cards and "Invitation" cards are, also, part of this scheme to interest the inactive Royal Arch Mason. There are also sympathy and birthday cards. A "Picture You" card which can be sent to new members of all symbolic lodges after a reasonable time has elapsed since he received the Master Mason Degree.

[Your reviewer thinks this a progressive, worth-while idea.]

Two new chapters have been placed in carefully selected locations; and Institution ceremonies have been held.

Three other chapters are presently in process. In addition to this, there are at least a dozen areas that have made definite moves to create new Royal Arch Chapters, and the Committee is poised to give them every possible aid.

"Never in the history of our Grand Chapter, have more one-day reunions been held and in many instances, a considerable number of candidates — anywhere from six to thirty — have been exalted to the Sublime Degree of Royal Arch Mason.

"Royal Arch enlightenment and the advancement of the Royal Craft should always be the prime consideration of all chapters, and, in the process of disseminating such enlightenment, the local newspaper should not be scorned."

The **History Committee** gave an interesting report covering a study of England's Premier Lodge of Research No. 2076 dealing with discrepancies in early records of Ex. Grand Royal Chapter of England as to the years March 22, 1765 to December, 1767 in which, according to the report of Michigan History Committee, "alteration was made to discredit the Royal Chapter".

The **Fraternal Correspondent** reported the proceedings of 51 Grand Chapters and gave significant condensations from each.

Election of Officers—M.E. Comp. Lawrence W. Larsen, Grand High Priest; M.E. Comp. Orlow J. Myers, Grand Secretary.

Mississippi

The 112th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Mississippi was held at Jackson on May 11 and 12, 1960.

Chapters 58. Membership 10,813. Net Gain 116.

M.E. Comp. W. L. Holland, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. Sid. F. Curtis, Grand Secretary.

There were 15 Grand High Priest, 3 Honourary Past Grand High Priest and many Distinguished Guests present.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"I want to thank you for a wonderful year. I trust that Capitular Masonry has not suffered too much as a result of your allowing me to serve this year as your Grand High Priest.

God has been good to our Grand Chapter this year, in that our Grand Chapter Line has remained intact. One of our Honourary Past Grand High Priests, Comp. R. E. Ward, was called to eternal rest. We

extend our sympathy to the bereaved loved ones of those of our Companions of our own and other Grand Jurisdictions who have passed into the Great Beyond.

I had the privilege and the pleasure of appointing six Companions Grand Representatives with the honourary rank of Deputy Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi near their respective Grand Chapters. These nominations were made to me by their Grand High Priests: New South Wales, Argentina, Nevada, District of Columbia, Oklahoma and Wisconsin.

Visitations

I was only able to visit about one half of the Chapters in the state. Altogether I made 137 Masonic visitations in the State of Mississippi and 5 outside the state. I have travelled 14,000 miles by car and plane in my visitations. [Eight pages of visitations.]

State of Capitular Masonry

I should like to feel justified in saying that everything is just wonderful and lovely in the State of Mississippi as far as Capitular Masonry is concerned, but I cannot say this with a clear conscience, for in spite of the fact that we have had a small gain in membership, 116 to be exact, for which I am most grateful, I feel that we are not moving along progressively in our individual Chapters. I am afraid that maybe the majority of our 58 Chapters are dragging a little. On an average of the Chapters I was able to visit, including my home Chapter, I found: attendance poor; ritualistic proficiency in opening and closing Chapter inferior; and degree work unhealthy. This was not everywhere, but in too many places. Where the work was inferior, the reasons were self-evident—no individual study and no Chapter practice. Study and practice is the need and the cure.

Here is the bright spot on the horizon. I find that almost every Chapter has one, two, three or more good, hard-working Companions, but that is not enough. They cannot carry the whole load, although they are trying mighty hard in some places.

I notice in most of the other Grand Jurisdictions they have some kind of an inspection system, under District Deputy Grand High Priests. Our Grand Lecturer with all his wonderful training and ability cannot get into some Chapters to help them because they will not invite him or arrange a meeting for him. We need something in our statutory regulations regarding subordinate Chapters that would require them to arrange at least one such inspection training meeting with our Grand Lecturer each year. This is just a suggestion.

Tomorrow I will became a Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. Does that mean that I have served my time and that my day is over and that from now on all I have to do is to sit back and let others do all the planning and work of Capitular Masonry in the State of Mississippi? No, it does not."

[One of the great strengths of Royal Arch Masonry lies in the fact that most P.G.H.P.'s continue to labour faithfully until the G.A.O.T.U. pulls aside the veils.]

Report of Fraternal Correspondent M.E. Comp. Horace L. Vilee deals briefly with a wide variety of incidents and items of news, and information to R.A. Masons gleaned from the reports of other Fraternal Correspondents.

The **Grand Treasurer** reported assets as of March 31, 1960, to be $111,946.51 comprised of cash in bank $22,247.32 and securities $89,-820.00.

The **Grand Secretary** reported a gain in membership of 631 mem-

bers added by—Exalted 463, Affiliated 52, Reinstated 114, ommitted previous returns 2.

Among the Grand Representatives welcomed was Juston M. Jones representing Canada.

Report of Grand Lecturer—

"Some of our Chapters are more active than at any time during the last 20 years or more. It is just as true that we have other Chapters that are just as dead now as they were ten or twenty years ago. Careful and diligent work needs to be done. It only takes one man to lead the way if he is enthusiastic. One of the first requirements, of course, is that one man learns as much of the ritual as possible and by his own example lead others to do likewise."

[I should like to have quoted at length from this thoughtful analysis of the problem that confronts so many sister Jurisdictions.]

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Earl F. Goodwin, Grand High Priest; M.E. Comp. Sid. F. Curtis, Grand Secretary.

Missouri

The 114th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Missouri was held at Columbia on April 26, 1960.

Chapters 104. Membership 23,172. Loss 85.

M.E. Comp. James P. Hall, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. Ray V. Denslow, Grand Secretary.

There were present 16 Past Grand High Priests and Distinguished Visitors from seven sister Jurisdictions in the U.S.A. All were duly presented and extended appropriate honours.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"The year has been a very full one; full of problems, many of a minor nature, but some that have called for deep study and decisions.

During the year 512 of our Companions have been called to Higher Service. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

It was my privilege to issue commissions to the following as representatives of the Grand Chapter of Missouri near the Grand Chapter indicated:

Maryland—Harry F. Luckabaugh, Baltimore.
Netherlands—Rud J. Arnoldi, Amsterdam.
Western Australia—W. A. Halvorsen, Perth.

It was also my pleasure to honour the following Companions by recommending them to other Grand Chapters to be their representatives near the Grand Chapter of the State of Missouri:

Nevada—Irvin J. Freiberger, St. Louis.
North Dakota—J. J. Shipman, Kennett.
Western Australia—Elvin K. Luff, Independence.

It pleased me to appoint M.E. Comp. Irvin J. Freiberger, my immediate predecessor, as my personal counsellor. It was a wise choice for he has been a good adviser.

We are greatly concerned over the growing problem of demerits and suspensions. To give a true evaluation of the condition of the rite is beyond the capability of one man, but I can give an opinion, and that is that the general picture shows more aggressive leadership and care in planning. I am sure if we continue along these lines there is no reason why 1960 could not be a proud year for Royal Arch Masonry in Missouri. My observation is that ritualistic work is improving greatly and that the Grand Lecturer and district deputies should be commended for their efforts that have brought about these improvements.

Again our Grand Chapter made a contribution of $500.00 to the Pusan Children's Charity Hospital, Pusan, Korea. I recommend we expand our charity work. The Grand Secretary reports that 19 Companions received the fifty-year awards. During the year a series of meetings were called for all present Grand Chapter officers, past Grand High Priests and the District Deputy to discuss affairs and conditions in each district. These meetings were a great success and produced good results.

Three Chapters celebrated their centennials during the year; all being chartered on the same day, May 19th, 1859.

During the year I made many visits within the Jurisdiction as well as to sister Jurisdictions."

Report of Grand Treasurer showed a total bank balance of $70,-941.96 and total investments of $115,380.00.

Report of Grand Lecturer—

"During the past fifteen years membership in the Grand Chapter has increased from about 16,000 to more than 23,000, but the last two years have resulted in a slight decline. Perhaps we should have fewer meetings and plan them with more care. It is necessary to plan meetings in advance. A review of Chapter activity over a period of years indicates that in order to maintain membership, or perhaps add a few each year, it is necessary to exalt approximately five per cent of the membership annually. If a Chapter permits itself a few years of complacent living and does not watch closely the suspension list, it may find itself in an unexpected decline. Only five Chapters have failed to exalt candidates in the last two years. Therefore, I consider it accurate to report that generally there is activity throughout the Jurisdiction."

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Merritt S. Gwinn, Grand High Priest; M.E. Comp. Ray V. Denslow, Grand Secretary.

Mexico

The 5th Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of Mexico was held on March 13, 1959, in the City of Mexico.

Chapters 7. Membership 382. Net Gain 13.

M.E. Comp Alexander G. Wygard, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. F. W. Von San, Grand Secretary.

The General High Priest, M.E. Comp. J. Luther Jordan, was present at the Convocation and received the Grand Honours.

There were 22 Grand Representatives present.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"During the year I have had the wholehearted and complete cooperation of all the Grand Officers and District Inspectors. We have had a relatively good capitular year although our membership has not increased as rapidly as I had hoped. I find we have had too many suspensions for N.P.D. As always, much time was dedicated to Masonic Education.

The Supreme High Priest was kind to us this past year in not calling away any members of our Grand family and only a few members of the Constituent Chapters."

Report on Constitution

The Committee on Constitution has carefully studied the comments made by the various Constituent Chapters and made a number of important suggestions based upon the reports received.

The committee proposes that business may be transacted in English or Spanish to suit the convenience of members present in Grand Chapter

Convocations. It is pointed out that it is feasible to have two official languages as is the case in the Canadian Parliament. However, this entails a complete duplication of everything and would take extra time and money. Therefore, it is suggested that the Constitution should be translated into Spanish and that the Spanish version should be the official one, thereby making Spanish the official language.

Report of Committee on Fraternal Relations

We are today in fraternal relations with 55 Grand Chapters of which Argentina, Switzerland, Germany, Arizona, Indiana and Texas were confirmed during the past year.

We are already in correspondence with 16 other Grand Chapters and trust that mutual recognition may be reached within the next few months.

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Alexander G. Wygard, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. F. W. Von San, Grand Secretary.

Nebraska

The 93rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nebraska was held on December 2 and 3, 1959, at Omaha.

Chapters 47. Membership 8,284 (October 31, 1959). Increase 11.

M.E. Ehm J. Sorensen, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.

18 Past Grand High Priests were present. They were welcomed by M.E. Ehm J. Sorensen, introduced to the Grand Chapter, given the Grand Honors and invited to seats in the East.

Several General Grand Chapter Officers were introduced, welcomed and honoured. M.E. Ehm J. Sorensen called on M.E. Clayton W. Vetrovsky to address the Grand Chapter on behalf of the Distinguished Guests.

Address of Grand High Priest:

"It is with very sad and deep thoughts that I report the passing of our dearly beloved Companion whom I appointed as our Grand Sentinel, E. Comp. Jack Watson. From the ranks of our constituent Chapters we have lost 181 companions by death during the past year. We extend our sympathy to their families and friends.

"The nine Assistant Grand Lecturers have devoted many hours and many miles in performing their duties for this Grand Chapter under the able direction of our Grand Lecturer R.E. Comp. Russell F. Richmond. They have done an outstanding job.

"We decided that as far as the degree work was concerned we should again concentrate on the Most Excellent Master Degree because there were too many Chapters which did not thoroughly understand it and a few that resented the changing of the floor work.

It was also decided that the Grand Officers would only make such visitations as they deemed necessary, that all the instructions should be left to the Lecture Department, thereby trying to make uniform all floor and degree work.

Many of the Chapters are beginning to realize the importance of the floor work when conferring degrees and are co-operating in every way. [A sign of progress.]

There were four general letters sent to the Chapters this year. I tried to stress the importance of the Grand Chapter program as far as activities and membership were concerned.

These letters were intended to show the necessity of attaining the goal set forth—an increase in membership. I mailed two questionnaires to each High Priest, the answers to be helpful to the Assistant Grand

Lecturers. Nearly every Chapter co-operated in returning the questionnaires promptly, thereby enabling us to observe the progress of each Chapter. This information was greatly appreciated.

We have some Chapters that will not answer any correspondence. I think it is important that all correspondence be answered promptly. I sincerely hope that the High Priests will take due and timely notice and see that in future all correspondence is answered promptly.

There are a few Chapters in the State that are showing no interest whatever and three Chapters are inactive. The Companions who belong to these three Chapters are deriving nothing from Royal Arch Masonry. They are also preventing other Chapters from entering the territory now held by them. I recommend that Grand Chapter take immediate action to remedy this deplorable condition.

I am happy to report that the Condition of Royal Arch Masonry in general is in very good condition. There seems to be a great deal of activity and enthusiasm in the majority of the Chapters." [Encouraging to read after the preceding paragraph.]

The **Grand Treasurer** reported cash on hand December 1, 1959, to be $8,685.58 and total assets of $16,643.18.

Report of the Grand Lecturer [an excellent report].

"How many Royal Arch Masons are there in Nebraska? The Grand Secretary informs us that there are 8,284 names on the membership rolls on October 31, 1959. But we repeat—How many Royal Arch Masons are there in Nebraska? The Lecturers have found some Chapters which lacked the required nine to open for business. What can be done to make Royal Arch Masons out of Royal Arch Members

The Lecturer organization for 1959 included the Grand Lecturer and nine assistants. During 1959 the Lecturers travelled about 8,000 miles in performing their work. Forty Chapters were examined and thirty-eight received Proficiency Certificates. The examinations included Opening and Closing in the Royal Arch degree, recitation of the four obligations, a demonstration of the proper Reception of Grand Officers and the exemplification of the first section of the Most Excellent Master degree in a satisfactory manner. A number of Chapters qualified by a very narrow margin. Attendance of Chapter members at the examination varied from 11 to 31, a very low percentage especially for the large Chapters.

We have a very distinguished list of speakers this year. All gave talks based on Masonry which were timely and inspiring.

Attendance at the Area Meeting dinners varied from 50 to 150, but the total attendance in the lodge room for all the meetings was only about three per cent of our membership.

This year we have a net gain of 11 from a total of 292 exaltations, the lowest in many years.

Most of us are aware that York Rite Masonry (perhaps all Masonry) in Nebraska needs some kind of a shot in the arm. Your Grand Lecturer doesn't profess to have all the answers but he would like to make a few suggestions.

1. The York Rite Festival idea for conducting degree work has been quite successful at Alliance and might find application in other areas.

2. The classes should never be so large in York Rite Masonry that the individuality of the candidate is lost. When several Chapters are located close together, each might specialize on one or two degrees and then exchange visits for their work.

3. The presentation of impressive ritualistic work requires constant study. Many Chapters need more instruction and guidance to improve their work. This could be supplied in schools of instruction held by the

Assistant Lecturers. These schools should not require elaborate arrangements.

4. Some interest might be developed for the presentation of proficient work if two grades of Proficiency Certificates were issued, one for those Chapters who do outstanding work and the other for those whose work is considered satisfactory but not outstanding.

What makes a man a Royal Arch Mason instead of just a Royal Arch member? The answer is interest, work, enthusiasm, thought, study and education for more light."

[I have quoted somewhat extensively from this report because it deals with a problem that confronts Capitular Masonry in all too many Jurisdictions. It offers a challenge and many helpful suggestions. Read and carefully consider.]

The **Finance** committee reported a cash balance of $8,685.58 in the general fund or a total of $9,485.68 in all funds.

Elections of officers—M.E. Comp. Claude A. Rennau, Grand High Priest; M.E. Comp. Carl R. Greisen, Grand Secretary.

Nevada

The 87th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Nevada was held in Reno June, 1960.

Membership 1,014. Net Gain 17.

M.E. Comp. Stanley D. Sundeen, Grand High Priest.

All Chapters represented. Ten Past Grand High Priests present. Fifteen Distinguished Guests were welcomed, including the General Grand High Priest and the Wor. Grand Master of Masons in Nevada.

Forty-five Grand Jurisdictions were personally represented. Commissions presented to Comp. Frank Agan for West Australia and Comp. A. E. Williams for Washington.

The Grand High Priest's address was splendid, encouraging, reflected a growing interest in Capitular Masonry in Nevada and was well received. The Report of Grand Secretary showed exalted 53, affiliated 2, restored 2, demitted 5, suspended N.P.D. 9, died 26. A net gain of 17.

The Convocation addressed by distinguished guests; the address of the General Grand High Priest being particularly stimulating.

The Distinguished Service medal was presented to Companion Anderson of Reno Chapter.

The election and installation of officers for 1960 proceeded under the direction of General Grand High Priest Jordan.

M.E. Comp. Herman Loest, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. C. A. Carlson, Jr., Grand Secretary.

The old "Ashcroft" Ritual was adopted as standard work of this Grand Chapter. Next annual, Tuesday, June 6; place, not yet determined.

New Brunswick

73rd Annual City of Edmundston, June 23, 1960.

Chapters 12. Membership 1,520. Net Increase 27.

M.E. Comp. George J. Langell, Grand Z. M.E. Comp. Roy E. Crawford, Grand Scribe E.

Distinguished Visitors were graciously received by the Grand First Principal and invited to the East. (Grand Honours).

Divine Service was conducted by Rev. Karl F. Drew, Grand Chaplain.

Following a prayer of Invocation and one of Remembrance and Consecration the G. Chaplain addressed the assembled Companions. "In olden times it was not easy for a man to belong to the Craft. He had to win this privilege by hard work, technical skill and personal worth. He had to bind himself to serve under rigid rules for seven years, with his service a test of character and of his training, for his entrance as a Master and Fellow of the Craft. He had to vow absolute obedience and, until he was taken and accepted, he lived by very strict rules. He had to confess faith in God, vowing to honour the Church, the State and the Master under whom he served. He must be honest and upright in keeping the confidence of his "Fellows," and the secrets of the Craft. We fashion for and of ourselves the Stones of the Temple of the Spirit as living stones of the building whose Builder and Maker is God."

Roll call found nine P.G.Z.'s present and 18 Grand Representatives.

M.E. Grand Z. Langell was pleased to welcome the large number representing Sister Jurisdictions, requested them to communicate with their respective Grand Chapters, extending greetings and best wishes from this Grand Jurisdiction.

Reports of Grand Superintendents by Districts were then presented.

Report of Grand Scribe E.: Exalted 66, Affiliated 3, Re-instated 6, Error 1. Total added 76. Suspended N.P.D. 16, Withdrawn 2, Demitted 10, Deaths 21. Total loss 49. Net INCREASE in membership 27. Total membership December 31, 1959, 1,520. Seven Chapters shows increase from 1 to 17; 5 Chapters show losses from 1 to 7.

Grand Treasurer reports bank balance June, 1960, $1,939 with bonds totalling $2,000.00.

Address of Grand Z.:

"It is my privilege and pleasure to extend greetings and a hearty welcome to all Companions present at this our Seventy-third Annual Convocation held in Edmundston, the largest centre of the pulp industry in North America.

We pause to pay tribute to the members who have been called to the Celestial Lodge Above during the year: E. Comp. William Perry Erb, P. High Priest Sussex No. 9; M.E. Comp. John W. Logan, P.G.H.P. Grand Chapter Nova Scotia; M.E. Comp. G. W. Bennet, P.G.H.P. Grand Treasurer R.A. Chapter N.S.; also 19 Companions. We mourn their passing and extend our deepest sympathy to the bereaved. During the year it has been my privilege to appoint Representatives near Sister Grand Jurisdictions of Illinois, Nebraska, Netherlands, Wisconsin, Kentucky and North Carolina.

Nine dispensations were issued during the year.

[**Visitations** to subordinate Chapters and Sister Jurisdictions are listed with details in four pages.]

"It has been my pleasure to observe great activity in most of the Chapters, which is indicated by a goodly increase in members. Attendance has also increased in most Chapters in the past year. I would recommend that all Chapters appoint a Membership Committee to impress new and old members to attend their Chapters, as a good attendance inspires the officers to do better work. Finally, I pledge my support to my successor and Grand Chapter in general."

The **Credential Committee**, on being admitted, made their final report of attendance. There were registered 62 less 7 dual—55, 2 Distinguished, plus 11 Companions; total 68. Summary—2 distinguished visitors, 9 P.G.Z's; 11 Companions, 37 Past Z's, 4 H's; 1 J. Total as above 68.

Election of officers: M.E. Comp. Sidney W. Sheppard, Grand Z.; M.E. Comp. Roy E. Crawford, Grand Scribe E.

New Brunswick's Representative near Canada is R.E. Comp. Abraham Cavanagh, London.

New Hampshire

The 141st Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of New Hampshire was held on May 24, 1960, in the City of Manchester.

Chapters 26. Membership 3,534. Net Gain 27.

M.E. Percy H. Bennet, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Hiram W. Johnson, Grand Secretary.

All Grand Officers were present as well as 10 M.E. Grand High Priests and 65 Past High Priests.

Many distinguished guests were received, warmly welcomed and given the Grand Honours, among the number being M.E. Comp. W. F. Clark, General Grand Scribe of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. 41 Grand Representatives responded to the roll call.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"I wish to express not only my personal appreciation but that of every New Hampshire Royal Arch Mason to the distinguished Companions from other Jurisdictions who honor us by their presence at this Convocation. They come not only from the United States but from Canada also.

It has been no easier than I anticipated to attempt to do justice to the office of Grand High Priest while serving also as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire. There has been surprisingly little conflict between Chapter visitations and Grand Lodge commitments. As never before I have been aware of the close relationship which does and should exist between our fundamental Blue Lodge freemasonry and the Capitular Rite.

Since our last Annual Convocation 81 dear friends have responded to the summons of our Heavenly Father. We extend to their bereaved families our heartfelt condolences. Among the number called were eight Past High Priests.

Visitations

[Among the many activities of the Grand High Priest we can note but a few.]

One of the highlights of the year was a joint testimonial dinner and reception held in my honour by Mt. Horeb Chapter No. 11 of Manchester and the Masonic Lodges of Manchester on June 5th. My friends were assembled from every portion of the State and representing all Masonic bodies. The auditorium in which we are now assembled was filled to capacity. I was presented with my Grand High Priest's apron by the Companions of Mt. Horeb Chapter, and with a magnificently carved plaque by the Manchester Lodges. On September 18th my friends of the First Masonic District held a testimonial dinner and reception in my honour at the Masonic Temple in Portsmouth. This evidence of friendship on the part of my associates and friends of all Masonic Bodies touched me deeply.

December 25th. In accordance with your tradition I sent a message to all the Commanderies in New Hampshire to be read at the Christmas observance ceremonies. I delivered the message in person at Trinity Commandery in Manchester."

The Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand Scribe and the Grand King presented full and interesting reports of various visits, of inspection of properties and presentation of degrees which were reviewed by the Deputy Grand Lecturers.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance in bank May 14, 1960, of $12,841.37.

The Grand Secretary in his report showed that complete returns have been made by all constituent Chapters and all fees and dues paid. Exaltations for the year were 132, an increase of 31 over last year. One hundred and eight Companions were awarded 40-year gold buttons during the year.

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. George D. Goodhue, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. Hiram W. Johnson, Grand Secretary.

New Mexico

The 63rd Annual of the Grand Chapter R.A.M. was held at Las Cruces, May 16, 1960.

Chapters, 14; Membership, 3,485; Net Gain, 119.

M.E. Comp. Fred B. Hartman, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Elmer H. Rieman, Grand Secretary.

7 Past G.H.P.'s were received, welcomed by the G.H.P. and presented with P.G.H.P.'s aprons. 30 Grand Representatives answered the Roll Call, among the number was M.E. Comp Wm. L. Ranville representing Canada.

Many Distinguished Visitors from out of the state were welcomed: J. L. Jordan, General G.H.P., Grand Chapter R. A. Masons! Rae C. Martin, Grand Master, Grand Council of Colorado; Alva N. Anderson, G.M., Grand Council, Arizona; Chas. Allen, Secretary, New Mexico Scottish Rite; Floyd Manker, Grand Commandery of Arizona.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"Masonry teaches man to practice charity and benevolence, to protect chastity, to respect the ties of blood and friendship, to revere the ordinances of religion, to assist the feeble, guide the blind, raise up the downtrodden, shelter the orphan, guard the Altar, support the Government, inculcate morality, promote learning, love man, fear God, implore His Mercy and hope for happiness.

"During the next few moments our hearts will be saddened as we call to mind the passing of 51 R.A.M.'s of this Grand Jurisdiction. We extend our sympathy to their families. The Scythe of Time has taken our beloved Past Grand High Priest, Francis C. Rolland. His influence, counsel and zeal will always be a guiding light to all of us. To our sister Jurisdictions we also extend our deepest sympathy in the loss of so many Companions by death.

"Upon the recommendations of the G.H.P.'s of the several jurisdictions with which we have pleasant Fraternal relations, I was privileged to issue Commissions to Excellent Companions as Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapter of New Mexico, residing near their respective Grand Chapters.

Grand Chapters represented: Mississippi, Utah, Maryland, Wisconsin, Washington, D.C., and Vermont.

On May 13, 1960, I issued a dispensation to petitioners from Alamogardo, New Mexico, to institute them as a chapter U. D. on that date."

[A splendid report followed, telling of Official Visits within his own Jurisdiction. It is interestingly detailed. Various local chapters were complimented upon their display of interest and the splendid quality of degree work. Visitations to other Masonic Bodies were also reported.]

"I recommend that $500 be given for a scholarship grant to a worthy College Senior (male) for the year 1960-61, as our charitable project.

"To my successor and to this Grand Chapter I pledge my support."

Report of the Grand Treasurer showed Bank Balances of $8,236.30 and Investments $40,000.00.

Report of Grand Secretary—Exalted 189, Admitted 28, Re-instated 31, Omissions 11, total 259. Demitted 18, Died 51, Suspended N.P.D. 71, total lost 140. Net gain—119.

Address by M.E. Comp. J. Luther Jackson, General Grand High Priest.

"If the message of R. A. Masonry is ever taken to the communities of New Mexico, those who are going to do that are within the sound of my voice right now. I think you need all the contacts, all the sources of information and inspiration that you can get. So I want you to come to the Triennial to be held in New Orleans Oct. 9-13 to get that help.

"In one Constituent Chapter in a little town in our State, some years ago, the members voted to raise their dues by 50 cents, and send the magazine to every member in the Chapter. **Since then they have had no suspensions.**

You might also be interested to know that this little country Chapter, in a town of less than 2,000 people, has furnished to the State, in the last 10 or 12 years, THREE Grand High Priests, 4 Grand Masters of the Grand Council, and ONE Grand Master of the Grand Lodge.

You are NEVER going to increase INTEREST, EMOTION and INSPIRATION IN YOUR INITIATES UNTIL YOU DO A BETTER JOB IN PREPARING the DEGREES. But you need to know the history of Capitular Masonry and know the glorious tradition of it—you need to read the history.

I would to God that we had the VISION to look out and see the impact of Free Masonry in this troubled World. The biggest job in this troubled world today is to win the hearts and lives of men. That is the thing to which we must be eternally DEDICATED and we need to be about it—doing it."

[In the remainder of this ADDRESS there are many things said that I would like to record. Space, however, dictates that I have room only for this final quotation.]

"Every Master Mason in the world who has never received the Royal Arch Degree is a lesser-informed Mason, because his EDUCATION in Masonry can never be complete until he has received the CHAPTER. It is part of Ancient Craft Masonry."

Election of Officers—M.E. Comp. Clifford R. Morrison, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. Elmer R. Rieman, Grand Secretary.

New Zealand

The 68th Annual Convocation of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Zealand was held February 10, 1960, at Auckland.

Chapters 96. Membership 7,996. Net Gain 25.

M.E. Comp. F. F. Boustridge, Grand Z.

R.E. Comp. E. Cannons, Grand Scribe E.

After the attendance roll was taken and the minutes confirmed the election of First Grand Principal was proceeded with.

M.E. Comp. Archibald Burns, Grand Z. for 1960.

Address of Grand Z. M.E. Comp. F. F. Boustridge—

"In the exercise of my duty I have been enabled to visit every district in the territory (some of them on several occasions).

The co-operation and loyalty of your Grand Superintendents has been further enhanced by the support of the Grand Chapter Officers and

Companions of constituent Chapters. This happy co-operation of all Companions has been of inestimable value to our Order and an inspiration to all those who, like myself, have been enabled to observe it.

Let us not be content with the working of a degree, but rather aim at a regular flow of interesting information on interesting subjects which will hold the attention and attendance of all Companions.

To the Principals of each Chapter may I stress this point. If you can, during your year of office, **improve attendance** figures by 10 per cent you will be rendering a greater service to Capitular Freemasonry than by providing a record number of candidates. You must learn how to hold our present membership at its highest level. Let your Companions be aware that you have a personal and abiding interest in them and their Masonic welfare. The numerical condition of our Order gives us cause for deep concern. If we do not act quickly to find and correct the cause of this decline, then we may expect next year's report to show a net loss in membership of some fifty members. During the last four years resignations have increased alarmingly.

"Masonry is Friendship—Friendship in every relation with our fellow man. Friendship is ever the builder and those who have done most to establish the City of God on earth have been the men who loved their fellow men."

Official visits

M.E. Comp. F. F. Boustridge, G.Z., during his year of office travelled extensively on official visits throughout the territory and attended combined meetings in all districts as well as many visits to individual Chapters.

A highlight of his year of office was the visit he made with several Grand Chapter Officers to Victoria and New South Wales.

Address of 1960-61 Grand Z. M.E. Comp. Archibald Burns:

"Feemasonry is such a marvellous system and contains so many truths—a large portion of them hidden—that most of us have only scratched the surface. Masonic knowledge is not measured by the number of degrees acquired but by the accumulation of fundamental truths acquired from an analytical study of each degree. The fundamental objective of Masonry is a search for the lost Word—for the Truth—for the knowledge of ourselves. As now practiced, Freemasonry provides for our study a symbolic representation of birth, life, death and immortality. Freemasonry, although it emphasises the transitory of all human achievements, presents a stable plan and a true foundation on which to build.

The **ceremonial opening** of the lodge, for instance, is necessary to create the atmosphere necessary to bring all present into harmony and to stimulate their perception.

To the Craft, eminence of situation, wealth and power are unimportant in comparison with good character. This truth cannot be emphasised too much. The purpose of the **second degree** is to lead apprentices from ignorance to knowledge, but it emphasises a most important principle—that the acquirement of knowledge must follow the acquirement of virtue.

In the **third degree** we symbolically pass from death into life, but being still human we can still only see darkness visible. Faith, which is wisdom, Hope, which is strength, and Charity, which is Love, are the greatest moral forces at the disposal of the M.M.

Charity is the true measure of human greatness. To relieve distress, sustain the weak, rescue the fallen, comfort the aged and afflicted; to be generous in pity, slow to accuse, moderate in reproof, deliberate in judgment and to be tolerant of the beliefs and opinions of others, in ad-

dition to moral uprightness are the distinguishing characteristics of a Mason.

The great part of our Craft symbolism is built around K.S.T. That Temple is important to us because it is the symbol of the moral and spiritual Temple of man.

Royal Arch Masonry deals with the realization that all sons of Adam must rebuild their mortal bodies into immortal stones for the Living Temple of the M.H., a work that can be completed by Him alone."

[A splendid address, challenging, informative, inspiring and withal expressed in beautiful English.]

Grand Representatives: our M.E. Dr. J. A. Evans (Canada); their M.E. N. B. Spencer.

North Carolina

The 138th Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter Masons was held at High Point, May 10-11, 1960.

Chapters 41. Membership 7,630. Net Gain 154.

M.E. Comp. Samuel Bruce Hildebrand, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. Charles Carpenter Ricker, Grand Secretary.

Many Distinguished Visitors from other states were introduced, welcomed and accorded appropriate honours. Among these was M.E. Walter A. DeLamater, Past M.E. Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, K.T., of the United States of America, presently the Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery, K.T., of New York.

There were 11 Past Grand High Priests present as well as five District Deputy Grand High Priests and 14 High Priests.

Nine Secretaries were registered from their respective Chapters.

Practically all Grand Representatives from Grand Chapters of Canada, Australia, England and U.S.A. answered the roll call.

Grand High Priest: "I hope, Companions, that you will go back to your Chapters with renewed interest and put forth your best efforts to make this great organization of ours grow."

The report of the **Necrology Committee** showed that 72 Companions had passed through the veils of the Supreme Grand Chapter during the year.

Report of Grand High Priest

"Again I have the privilege and honour of extending to each of you a very warm personal welcome.

To our distinguished guests and representatives present from other Grand Jurisdictions, I extend a very special welcome and thanks that we are honoured by their attendance.

Upon the recommendation of the Grand High Priest of each of their jurisdictions I appointed Grand Representatives of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of North Carolina—South Carolina, Sam L. Grant, Jr.; Florida, Robert L. Pulley; Georgia, William C. Sanders; Rhode Island, Howard F. O'Connor. During the year I recommended Comp. L. A. Rennison for appointment as Grand Representative to Nebraska.

All of my official visits to the subordinate Chapters were made on regular meeting nights to avoid extra expense and inconvenience to the subordinate Chapters. (Details given in 7 pages that follow.)

In my visits to the Subordinate Chapters in North Carolina I used my best efforts to stimulate the growth and advancement of Capitular Masonry on all occasions and to create an atmosphere of friendship and brotherly love. In performing the duties pertaining to my office it was necessary for me to travel 23,064 miles in my car and 9,707 by train.

On July 7, 1959, a Special Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter was held in Lexington for the purpose of constituting and consecrating a new Chapter, Lexington No. 97.

It was my privilege to witness degree work in each of the ten capitular districts. I saw excellent work, beautifully portraying the tenets of Capitular Masonry. We should discourage the displayal use of the Rituals when conferring the degrees. We owe a debt of gratitude to the fine Ritualists who are giving of their time and talents in transmitting further Light in Masonry to our less informed brothers.

There has been overall improvement this year over the average of the past ten years. Our total net gain was 154.

Charles Ricker, our Grand secretary, is a beacon light in all phases of Masonry. His work is beyond the praise of the tongues of men.

My prayer is that we shall never forget the obligations we received while kneeling at the sacred Altar. It is there we receive wisdom and inspiration to better understand the mystic teachings and symbols of Masonry."

Report of Grand Treasurer showed a bank balance of $9,047.78 in the General Fund on December 31, 1959, and total resources of $60,-191.26.

Report of Grand Secretary showed a membership of 7,630 and a net gain of 154. Twenty-two Chapters show a net gain, three show no change and 16 show a net loss in membership.

Report on **Capitular Review** of North Carolina:

M.E. Comp. Charles H. Pugh introduces his Review by observing that the "problems to our Jurisdiction are the problems that usually affect the others." He then gives his own observations, after studying the efforts made in more than 50 of our Grand Chapters as to the steps that should be taken towards a solution of these problems, quoting at length from the address of the Grand First Principal of Alberta and from the Grand Lecturer of Missouri. In both quotations the N.C. Reviewer points out their support of his contention that success can only be attained by efforts at the local level. [With this I largely agree.] Companion Pugh's Review then continues by statistical and brief reports on individual Jurisdictions. These are followed by a more extensive analysis of the general situation interfused by the Review's able comments based upon his erudite knowledge and long experience in Capitular Masonry.

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Armon E. Baggett, Grand High Priest; M.E. Comp. Charles Carpenter Ricker, Grand Secretary.

A beautiful acceptance speech was made by the newly installed G.H.P. Armon E. Baggett (I quote in part):

"I know of no permanent alternate for hard work, nor do I even know of a reasonable substitute. We must face the facts squarely and try to overcome those obstacles that temporarily seem unsurmountable. I offer no solution other than to begin to do the things that we already know we ought to do. I am proud to be at the head of a list of officers who will follow in succeeding years to work for the improvement of mankind. As the one who temporarily holds the greatest title among you I can assure you of my great desire to be the servant of all."

North Dakota

The 71st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota met at Grand Forks March 17-18, 1960.

Chapters 22. Membership 2,742. Net Loss 21.

M.E. Comp. Albertus C. Scott, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. Clifford E. Miller, Grand Secretary.

The General Grand King, M.E. Comp. Edward A. Martini, was warmly welcomed and accorded Grand Honours and asked to address the Companions. He said, "I should like to direct your thoughts to the conditions that exist in the world today. These conditions are of such enormous proportions that it should be the concern of each and every citizen and more particularly the concern of every Royal Arch Mason, to be on the alert and avail themselves of the information which can be had for the asking, so that we will be able to do our share in helping to correct these misunderstandings. We, as Royal Arch Masons, are the largest group under one head and that is why I say that, if we would get together on a common course, we could exert a very definite and effective influence for the benefit of all, nationally and internationally." On the evening of the 17th there were 110 Companions, guests and ladies in attendance at the banquet.

On Friday morning, March 8th, the Grand Chapter resumed labor. Twelve Grand High Priests responded to the roll call and presented themselves at the Altar. The Distinguished Guests were presented.

The Address of Grand High Priest—

"The year has been a very rewarding experience for me, one that has offered me the opportunity of learning much about Royal Arch Masonry and for the making of many new friends.

During the year I made many visitations. I attended Grafton Chapter No. 9 on April 16th where eight candidates including a father and his two sons were given the Royal Arch Degree.

Following the Grafton meeting my activities were curtailed for a time due to major surgery and a rather extended period of convalescence. However, on May 26th I was able to attend the 37th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Saskatchewan held at Moose Jaw."

[Many other visits were described in interesting details.]

The **Grand Master** of Masons for North Dakota, Benj. G. Gustafson, spoke briefly—"It is my ambition during my year as head of the Masons in the state to promote a program whereby all branches of Masonry will be working for the good of all. If we will only co-ordinate our efforts we should change the trend of our annual reports of the last few years from losses to gains."

The **Grand Treasurer** reported a balance on February 29th, 1960, of $4,276.53 with total cash and securities of $7,777.27.

Th **Grand Secretary** in his report called attention to the year 1964 when the 75th Anniversary of the establishment of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of North Dakota will be celebrated.

A **memorial service** was held for the departed Companions and for Miss Clara Richards who had served for more than forty years as Librarian of the Grand Lodge Library.

Reports of Committee on Annual Returns

We started the year 1959 with 3,763 members. We exalted 95 members, affiliated 17 and reinstated 6. However we lost 37 by demit, 69 passed away during the year and 33 were suspended for N.P.D. giving us a net loss of 21 members so that we ended the year with 2,742 members. This is far from the goal of 3,000 members which was set as our objective at this Grand Convocation a year ago.

The Committee on Capitular Education in reporting on the continued decline in membership from 4,168 members in 28 Chapters in 1925 to 2,763 members in 22 Chapters in 1959 said: "Basically, what is wrong? Have the ancient ceremonies lost their mystic appeal? Is the 'free and

accepted' brotherhood yielding to expediency and the modern clamor for games of chance and the indulgence of intoxicating liquor to replace a loyal adherence to Masonic landmarks?

Many Companions seldom attend convocations, usually complaining, 'I haven't time.' Others pay dues with reluctance. Financial difficulties often beset many Chapters; while fraternities which serve food and intoxicating liquor prosper and erect imposing buildings."

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Raymond S. Olson, Grand High Priest; M.E. Comp. Clifford E. Miller, Grand Secretary.

Nova Scotia

The 91st Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia was held in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on June 21, 1960.

Chapters 27. Membership (January, 1960) 3,043. Increase 63.

M.E. Comp. Gordon Stewart Walker, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. H. F. Sipprell, Grand Secretary.

There were five Past Grand High Priests present and five Past Grand Scribes. There were many Distinguished Visitors; among the number was M.E. Comp. C. M. Pitts, P.G.Z. Grand Chapter of Canada in the province of Ontario. All were welcomed and accorded Grand Honours.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"My year in office was a rather disappointing one, owning to illness, nevertheless it was one of great experience to me. I was made happy on so many occasions by the companionship and kindness shown to me by Grand Chapter Officers, past and present, who assisted me and showed the greatest consideration in carrying out many details of the work that I could not possibly have done. [True Masonry in action.]

During the year Grand Representatives were appointed to British Columbia, The Netherlands, New York, Argentina, Wisconsin, and Maryland.

During the year 49 of the Companions of this Jurisdiction were called to Higher Service. Our sympathy is extended to the bereaved.

Many visitations were made to Sister Jurisdictions during the year. At all meetings I was received and welcomed in a truly Masonic manner.

Believing that Royal Arch Masonry must have continuous growth, I would recommend that more attention be given to our Master Mason Lodges. From them the material must come and there we know an abundant supply is to be found among the splendid brethren of our Master Mason Lodges. We should speak more freely to Master Masons on the higher education to be found in the advanced orders beginning with the Royal Arch." [We heartily agree.]

Grand Chapter was greatly shocked to learn of the unexpected passing of the Grand Treasurer just two days before the Annual Convocation. His station was left vacant during the proceedings and his regalia was placed on his desk.

The Grand Secretary presented M.E. Companion C. W. Bennett's final report and moved that it be laid on the table pending the adoption of the report of the auditor.

The report showed a balance of $925.39 in the General account and $1,539.60 in the Benevolence Fund.

Total assets $10,555.92.

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Frank Albert Van Iderstine, Grand High Priest; M.E. Comp. H. F. Sipprel, Grand Secretary.

Nova Scotia

A **Special Convocation** of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Nova Scotia (with jurisdiction over Nova Scotia, Prince Edward Island and Newfoundland) was held in Halifax on the afternoon of Saturday, October 17, 1959, for the purpose of observing the ninetieth anniversary of the founding of the Grand Chapter.

A service of Remembrance and Re-dedication was led by the Grand Chaplain, R.E. Comp. V. Rev. E. B. N. Cochran.

Three portraits of the founder of the Grand Chapter were unveiled. The M.E. Grand High Priest led the Companions in repeating the obligation of a Royal Arch Mason, concluding with the words, "May God aid us to be faithful to this re-dedication of ourselves to His service and to Royal Arch Masonry."

In the evening a large number of Companions and their ladies attended the Anniversary banquet in the Lord Nelson Hotel. The special speaker was M.E. Comp. R. V. Harris, who "revealed the secrets" of a Royal Arch Mason in a highly entertaining manner.

Ohio

The 144th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Ohio was held at Columbus on October 5-6, 1960.

Chapters, 213; Membership, 67,812; Net Gain, 301.

M.E. Comp. Homer Trantham, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Ralph W. Smith, Grand Secretary.

Partial **report of the Committee on Credentials.**

That all Grand Officers are present except Companion Charles H. Gross, Grand Chaplain Emeritus, and Thomas W. Fessenden, Grand Chaplain Emeritus. That all Past Grand High Priests are present except M.E. Comps. Frank DeLay and Herbert T. Leyland.

Also present is a large number of **distinguished guests** from this Grand Jurisdiction and other Grand Jurisdictions, to all of whom a most cordial and fraternal welcome is extended. (Alex G. N. Bradshaw, Past Grand First Principal and Grand Representative of Ohio near Grand Chapter of Canada (Ontario) London, Ontario, was present.)

The address of Welcome was given by Harold H. Eibling, the Superintendent of the Columbus Public Schools and a member of York Chapter No. 200.

Necrology Report

"It is a solemn duty and sorrow to report to you that in the United States, some five thousand, and in Ohio fifteen hundred and seven companions have found the completed meaning of their days in the Tomorrow of Forever.

In sorrow we report the death of Companion Ray V. Denslow, Past Grand High Priest, former Editor of Royal Arch Magazine and an outstanding Mason. I express for you our deep sorrow in the loss of so excellent a companion. Companion Carl William Sparling, Oak Harbor, Ohio, died on November 12, 1959. He was Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter in 1928 and 1929; and Companion Willard T. Francis of Lorain, Ohio, who was Grand High Priest in the 1944 and 1945 term, died July 19, 1960.

Address of Grand High Priest

"The Grand Chapter Officers conferred the Royal Arch Degree in Toledo, Cincinnati and Dayton, each Grand Chapter Officer in his own station. On December 19, 1959, the Grand Chapter Officers conferred

the Royal Arch Degree upon a district-wide class of almost 100, each chapter having one or more candidates. The audience of almost 400 was enthusiastic.

The Grand Chapter Officers had the privilege of dedicating new chapter apartments for seven chapters during the year at Columbus, Bucyrus, Columbus Grove, Greenfield, Elyria, Mansfield and Worthington.

Some of the things we have this year endeavoured to accomplish are: promotion generally of the Grand Chapter program, plans and objective; publishing notices of events and happenings of importance; commending individuals and chapters for noteworthy accomplishments; detailing the plans and procedures successfully used by other chapters;

Chapters showing no suspension—61.

Chapters showing no exaltations—3.

Election of Officers for 1960-61—Keith A. Porter, Grand High Priest; Ralph W. Smith, Grand Secretary.

Award for distinguished servic to be Capitular Rite to E. Comp. P. B. Morgan P.H.P. and secretary of Vermilion Chapter. Officers installed. Grand Chapter closed in ample form.

Fraternal Correspondence Review—Roscoe R. Walcutt, P.G.H.P.

One of the outstanding reviewers and Masonic students of the Capitular World begins with a significant analysis of gains and losses in 55 chapters reviewed, followed by brief statistics of each. This is followed

I am elsewhere herein recommending that the Grand High Priest be authorized to transfer some of the secretarial and routine duties now devolving on him to the office of the Grand Secretary. [sounds like a sensible idea. Most Scribe E's are P.G.H.P.'s.]

Grand Secretary's report:

"The gain in membership for the past year was 301 as compared with 202 in 58-59, and 174 in the previous year."

Exalted, 2,739; reinstated, 138; admitted, 101.

Withdrawn, 435; Died, 1,507; suspended NPD, 723.

Chapters showing gain over 1959—110.

Chapters showing loss over 1959—91.

Chapters showing suspensions—153.

encouragement of subordinate chapter officers to greater activity and achievements; publication of pertinent articles on Masonic subjects intended to stimulate thinking..

[All worthy undertakings]. I will not dwell further on our program for the year as it will be set forth in the appendix of the annual proceedings.

Our 46 chapters which had a net gain of 3% or more accounted for a total net gain of 816 members. At the beginning of the year the members of these 46 chapters constituted only 20% of our entire membership of 67,511. Therefore, if the other 167 chapters had achieved a standard of performance equal to that of these 46 chapters, our net numerical membership gain would have been 4,080 instead of 301.

I made many **visitations**—some beneficial and others I felt were a waste of time, as in Chapters where the Grand High Priest is brought in simply as window dressing and another individual is billed as "the speaker of the evening". After the audience is thoroughly fatigued, the Grand High Priest is called upon for a "few words". That is hardly courteous to the office or to the Grand High Priest, and I hope that no district will invite subsequent Grand High Priests under such circumstances.

by a Topical Review under such headings as: Membership and Attendance; Public Relations; Financial; Ritualistic Work; Jurisprudence; Gambling; Sunday Work; etc. Under these various topics he quotes extensively from reviewers of various sister jurisdictions and adds his own significant comments. The entire review is a source of enlightenment and inspiration for all companions who desire to know Capitular Masonry as it functions in the world of 1960. [I appreciate his kindly reference, page 273, to the review in Canada.]

Oregon

The Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Oregon held its 99th Annual Convocation at Portland April 13-14, 1960.

Chapters 49. Membership 8,377. Net Loss 96.

M.E. Samuel A. Warg Grand High Priest.

R.E. Richard H. Tusant, Grand Secretary.

Distinguished Visitors were presented, introduced, accorded proper honours, and extended a hearty welcome by the Grand High Priest. They were invited to speak as opportunity presented.

Message of Grand High Priest—

"It is indeed a pleasure to celebrate the Centennial Year and meet in the "City of Roses" which so genuinely reflects the friendship and hospitality of our great state.

A year has passed since we met in Roseburg in our 98th Convocation. Many of you will recall the wonderful little city which was ours at that time. Since then we have been called upon to mourn the terrible disaster which struck last August 7th. Thirteen lives were lost in the blast—one was a Mason who was High Priest of my own Chapter, just preceding me. I have never seen the spirit of Masonry exemplified to such an extent as it was in Roseburg. Everyone was truly his brother's keeper. I can only wish that such a spirit might be embodied in all phases of Masonry.

Today we celebrate our Centennial Anniversary and while honouring the past, we also look forward to the next 100 years with a very real sense of dedication and anticipation.

During the past year a total of 189 have passed within the Veil, among the number was R.E. Comp. Bruce Burns, Grand King, who will be greatly missed by the Grand Chapter and York Rite Masonry.

Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to all the bereaved.

Grand Representatives of Oregon were appointed near the Grand Chapters of Switzerland and Saskatchewan.

[Forty-five visitations to Chapters in Oregon were listed and one and one-half pages of other visitations—a busy year.]

For the past four years our Grand Chapter has shown a steady decrease in membership. In 1955 we had a membership of 8,720. In January, 1960, we have only 8,377—a total loss of 343 in five years.

I have visited nearly all the Chapters in the State, and, in the majority of cases their work, in all its phases, was only average in quality and in not a few, poor. We seem to be afflicted with at least six major problems: poor leadership; poor ritualistic work; poor attendance; poor advertising; suspension for non-payment of dues; lack of a definite project.

We find that poorly financed Chapters, in general, lack enthusiasm and are poor in leadership and ritualistic work—if they are doing any work at all. Some are still trying to struggle along on $2.00 dues. This is an impossibility. The average rate of dues for the State is $3.50.

No less than four Chapters are in danger of losing their charters. They have trouble getting out a quorum for their meetings due to lack of interest. All of these Chapters are in poor financial straits, having less than $250.00 in liquid assets. Membership is low and there have been few, if any, exaltations over the past five years.

Gresham Chapter alone showed better than a ten per cent gain and will be awarded the Dodge cup again this year.

With a hundred years of history behind us and its lessons plainly written, it should be clear that something cannot be had without work, and that personal effort is the only criterion of success. It is my hope that we have reached the end of our regression. The future belongs to you and your efforts—and tomorrow.

In the passing of time, habits may change and lives may be altered, but the principles and standards of Masonry will not. It has been honoured in the past, it is admired in the present, it will be respected in the future. It has been maligned in the fires of ignorance and criticism and has come out not dross but tempered steel."

[This address was closed by a stirring, challenging reference to the coming Sabbath of Easter.]

Report of Grand Secretary: 40 Chapters conferred degrees, 9 Chapters did not confer degrees, 15 Chapters showed a net gain, 30 Chapters showed a net loss, 4 Chapters showed neither gain nor loss.

Report of Grand Treasurer showed total assets of $52,323.91 and total funds General Fund $25,808.88. Life Membership Fund $52,323.91. Total $78,132.79.

General Grand High Priest M.E. Comp. J. Luther Jordan spoke on the question, "What is the General Grand Chapter and what does it do?" He recommended the "History of Royal Arch Masonry."

Companion Jordan stated that through the efforts of the General Grand Chapter some 235 Master Masons were released from prisons in Spain. He deplored the fact that Royal Arch Masonry was the only Masonic group that showed a net loss in 1958 and that Oregon showed a loss in 1959 in all Masonic bodies except the Grand Lodge.

Companion Jordan stated that "No Brother should be suspended for non-payment of dues." A thorough investigation should be made as to the conditions before a Companion is dropped.

The **Grand Orator** in his address gave a splendid capitular resume of the history of Masonry in Oregon from the early days of 1851. [This is a very interesting and splendidly detailed report of the beginnings and growth of what was to become the Grand Chapter of the State of Oregon. Regret that space forbids full quotation.]

Among the amendments to the Constitution was one deleting the Capitular Review.

An interesting address, "Royal Arch on the March," by Roy V. Denslow gives a wealth of information on the General Grand Chapter—what it comprises and its accomplishments. [We commend this address to all Royal Arch Masons.]

The report of the Capitular Reviewer give brief comments from 17 Grand Capitular Jurisdictions containing interesting information. In his introduction he says: "In the British Isles, lodges and Chapters are very much smaller numerically, because of deliberate restriction of intake. They put quality ahead of quantity in their selection of candidates. Their members are well known to each other and their attendance is excellent; and suspension for N.P.D. is practically unheard of.

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Harry J. Young, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. R. H. Trusant, Grand Secretary.

Pennsylvania

The Quarterly Communication of the Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania was held at Philadelphia March 5, 1959, being the 164th year.

Chapters 159. Membership 40,868. Net loss 369.

M.E. Comp. John R. Asher, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. John C. F. Kitselman, Grand Secretary.

There were eight Past Grand High Priests and 24 District Deputy Grand High Priests in attendance.

There were 33 Grand Representatives present; among the number was Arthur L. Miller of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

The **Grand Treasurer** reported a balance on February 20, 1959, of $69,384.17.

The **Grand Secretary's** report—

52 Chapters showed a gain in membership.
82 Chapters showed a loss in membership.
17 Chapters showed neither gain nor loss.
8 Chapters in which no petitioners were marked.

The 2nd Quarterly Communication was held at Honesdale on June 4, 1959.

The **Grand Treasurer** reported a balance May 19, 1959, of $61,686.08.

The **Committee on Membership** reported total number of petitions reported during January, February, March and April, 1959, were 569—one less than in the same period in 1958.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"We have now reached the end of the first half-year period of this Capitular year. Much has been accomplished, but there has been a lack of interest shown by the Deputies in many cases. There is much more to the work of a Deputy than to just attend a meeting of the Chapter and then mail a visitation report, giving in the report only the number in attendance and the degree conferred. Following a visitation the Deputy should call the officers together, talk with them and plan with them. [Good advice.]

The increased cost of operating a Chapter due to increased cost of postage, printing and rentals, with the income of the Chapters standing still or dropping, is a matter that should be studied.

I have attended several Anniversaries and several Grand Convocations of other Grand Jurisdictions."

The 3rd Quarterly Communion was held on September 3rd at Wellsboro. The Grand Treasurer's report showed a balance in bank of $55,741.95 on August 20th.

The **Committee on Membership** reported the total number of petitions reported during the first six months of 1959 to be 827—4 less than in the same period in 1958.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"We are about to enter into the final quarter of our Capitular year. The standing and accomplishments of a Chapter are in no small measure dependent upon the leadership and ability of the officers. **No Chapter will prosper with poor officers.** The wise leader will at regular intervals call together his officers and fellow workers for the purpose of discussing the problems of the Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has a membership of about 41,000. We should have a much larger membership. This responsibility rests

entirely with the District Deputies and the M.E. High Priests, the officers and membership of each individual Chapter. My slogan still remains "Petitions." Sell Royal Arch Masonry by talking Royal Arch Masonry, by living Royal Arch Masonry."

The 4th Quartery Communication was held on December 3rd at Philadelphia. Among the Grand Representatives was Arthur L. Miller of the Grand Chapter of Canada.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"We have come to the end of another year. The unrest that exists today throughout the nation is cause of great concern and demands intelligent thinking, sincerity of conviction and loyal adherence to the aims and principles of our Rite and, above all, a trust in God.

I would like to pay tribute to our Grand Secretary, Compansion John C. F. Kitselman. He is a great asset to our Grand Chapter and in his mental storehouse of knowledge and thinking, our Grand Chapter is to be congratulated in having such a man as Grand Secretary.

During the year five Chapters celebrated their 100th anniversaries. I have made many **visitations** in this Jurisdiction as well as to sister Jurisdictions—one of them being to the Grand Chapter of Canada, held in the Royal York Hotel on April 27-29th."

The receipts for Grand Chapter $37,366.70 with bonds to value of $87,334.54 and total common stock to value of $83,418.87 and preferred stock $54,852.00. The Grand Treasurer reported for the year ending November 19, 1959, a balance of $47,645.67.

Necrology—129 members of Grand Chapter have answered the call of the Grand Architect of the Universe during the year.

Election of officers—M.E. John R. Asher, Grand High Priest; M.E. John C. F. Kitselman, Grand Secretary.

Republic of Philippines

The 8th Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the Republic of the Philippines was held on April 29, 1960, at San Marcelino, Manila.

Chapters 21; Membership 1,285; increase steady each year.

M.E. Comp Nicanor E. Santos, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Antonio Gonzalez, Grand Secretary.

The roll call of the Grand Officers showed a quorum.

Flag ceremonies and pledge of Allegiance followed.

The M.E. Grand High Priest extended a hearty welcome to all delegates and companions.

Then followed the Roll Call of the Grand Representatives and the Grand High Priest welcomed them in these words: "In this time when the powers of the world are divided into two distinct ideologies, we should more than ever make stronger ties, which bind Masonry together wherever dispersed. Please convey to the Grand Jurisdictions, whom you represent, our fraternal good wishes and our ever ready co-operation in strengthening the bonds of fraternal brotherhood."

The response to this welcome was given by Ex. Comp. Will K. Prestige, Jr. "We thank you for the most gracious welcome you have extended to us. Some of us represent Grand Chapters of countries of which we know very little, and yet, we all speak the universal language of Masonry, and for this we are very proud. How truly wonderful is this Great Institution of ours! Among Masons there is no such word as foreigner. We are all Brothers in every sense of the word. Our ways may be slightly different, but our love for each other is the same the

world over. No other organization has so great an influence in preserving the peace of the world or in the development of the Brotherhood of Men and the Fatherhood of God."

Report of Grand High Priest—

"Like so many other Grand High Priests, I failed to accomplish what you have expected of me when you elevated my humble self to this dignified and responsible position. However, I have exerted all efforts and have done my best within my capability for the cause of our Grand Chapter. In the middle of our capitular year I was unexpectedly taken ill and had to be air-lifted to Manila and hospitalized for a major operation. I sincerely appreciated the visits of so many companions while I was in hospital.

In this capitular year, the **Grim Reaper** did not spare our Grand Jurisdiction. We are grieved on the passing of some of our companions. **Even in the official family of our Grand Chapter, our Almighty Creator** deemed it best to summon to His Throne on October 20, 1959, our beloved companion William B. Libby, Excellent Grand Marshal of the Grand Chapter. Then on June 19, 1959, Comp. Ramon Alonso, once Assistant Grand Secretary, collapsed and passed away right in this very sacred Masonic Hall while in action when he was performing creditably the lecture on the meaning of "Death" during the conferral of the Royal Master's Degree.

According to the latest issue (March 1960) of the Royal Arch Mason's magazine, there are 756,027 Royal Arch Masons in the United States and Canada alone with 58 Grand Chapters and 3,767 Constituent Chapters. We are in fraternal relations with them all.

In Europe we are in **fraternal relations** with the Grand Chapters of England, France, Germany, Ireland, Scotland and Switzerland; in **Central America** with the Grand Chapter of Estados Unidos de Mexico; in **South America** with the Grand Chapter of Argentina; and in **Australia** and New Zealand with the Grand Chapters of New South Wales, New Zealand, Queensland and Victoria.

Our labours as Capitular Masons are being watched with interest and sympathy by our companions the world over. In the reports of Fraternal Correspondents there are always items written to praise our work here and to quote approvingly some of our orations.

In going over these reports I noticed that the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts defining capitular Masonry said, "Capitular Masonry is a charitable, benevolent, educational and religious society, adhering to its own peculiar customs and rituals, including the ancient Landmarks of Freemasonry".

"It is **religious** in that it teaches monotheism.

It is **educational** in that it teaches relief of the poor and distressed as a duty and exemplifies duty by relief of sick and distressed companions and their widows and orphans.

It is **charitable** in that its income is devoted to the improvement and promotion of the happiness of mankind.

It is **social** organization and provides more material for its primary work of training, of worship and of charity.

In the short span of eight years since the establishment of our Grand Chapter there were constituted 22 constituent chapters located in strategic cities throughout the Archipelago.

[A very fine analysis of Chapters and members of all sister jurisdictions in capitular Masonry throughout the world is then detailed.]

"During the year I made as many visitations as my health allowed and I wish to thank the Grand Officers who made official visitations to

our chapters on my behalf. From the reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary you will find that the growth of Royal Arch Masonry in our Jurisdiction is steady in numbers and finances. May we always be blessed with such a capitular condition of progress and success.

For an adequate vehicle of spreading Masonic Education, nothing is more valuable than an informative Masonic Magazine. In the report of the committee on the address of the Grand First Principal in Canada (1958) M.E. Comp. Maurice A. Searle, it says "When we build, let us think that we build forever. Let it not be for the present delights, nor for present use alone; let it be such work as our descendents will thank us for; and let us think, so we lay stone on stone, that a time will come when these stones will be held sacred because our hands have touched them, and that men will say, as they look upon the labour and wrought substances of them, 'See! This our fathers did for us'." [quote from John Ruskin]

May the Supreme Architect of Heaven and Earth continue to look upon us and bless us in our Masonic endeavours to keep forever Peace and Harmony and Understanding among nations everywhere, in that spirit which was revealed to us, rooted in God's Holy Book—the great Light of our Masonic Organization."

Report of Grand Secretary

An Ex. High Priest asked me not long ago what was the thing most important for him to do for the benefit of his chapter. I said, 'Work, Work and Work'. We now have 21 chartered chapters. Clark Field Chapter No. 19 in Clark Field, Pamanga was consolidated with Luzon Chapter No. 1 in Manila. We have a total of 1,285 Royal Arch Masons in this Jurisdiction. We are in fraternal relations with 71 Grand Chapters.

Report of Grand Treasurer showed a balance in bank of P 10,718.61.

[A beautiful, informative and inspirational Oration was delivered by Ex. Comp. Andrew H. Bulkley from which we should like to quote at length if space were unlimited and costs no problem.]

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Teodorico A. Jimenez, Grand High Priest; R. E. Comp. Antonio Gonzales, Grand Secretary.

Quebec

The 83rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Quebec was held in Montreal on March 23, 1960.

Chapters, 25; Membership, 3,305; Loss, 17.

M.E. Comp. J. H. Morecroft, Grand Z.

M.E. Comp. H. Pickering, Grand Scribe E.

All Grand Officers were present and 38 Grand Representatives answered the Roll Call.

The Most Ex. Grand First Principal reported that due to Most Ex. Comp. Pickering being confined to hospital, Rt. Ex. Comp. P. O'Brien had been appointed as Acting Grand Scribe E."

Address of Grand First Principal.

"I take this opportunity to welcome all of you from the far reaches of this Province of Quebec. To our good friends from our Sister Jurisdictions, may I take this opportunity on behalf of the officers and companions of this Grand Chapter to extend to you a warm and sincere welcome.

During the year we lost 74 of our companions. We mourn their passing but with thankfulness of heart for the many happy hours spent with them during their sojourn here on earth. They are at rest, may it

be in perfect peace. We offer our sympathy to the bereaved in this Jurisdiction as well as to those in Sister Jurisdictions.

During the year 20 were appointed to represent this Grand Chapter in other Jurisdictions.

During the year I made many visits in this Jurisdiction as well as to the Grand Chapter of British Columbia, Grand Chapter of Massachusetts and Grand Chapter of the State of New York.

I feel that Chapters should be prompt in opening which means the hour they are called. Suspensions are far too numerous and I would suggest that each Chapter form a committee to investigate a companion before taking action. The growth of membership is not keeping pace with the growth of membership in Craft Masonry.

The duties of Grand Scribe "N" could be enlarged to include the responsibility of seeing that the happenings in Grand Chapter and constituent chapters are reported to Masonic Publications and, where suitable, to the Public Press. My sincere and personal thanks to M.E. Comp. H. Pickering for all his advice and counsel during my term of office. I sincerely hope for you, Most Excellent Sir, continued health that you may continue to give your valued advice to this Chapter."

The **Grand Treasurer** reported a bank balance of $7,540.07 and total assets of $53,859.07.

Report of Grand Scribe E.

Exaltations, 125; Restorations, 3; Affiliations, 8; total, 136.

Deaths, 74; Withdrawals, 37; Suspensions, 42; total, 153.

Net loss 17.

Every Chapter with the exception of four had one or more candidates. Six Chapters show an increase. Sixteen show a decrease and three chapters remain stationary.

Report of **Committee on State of the Order**

"The high standard and understanding of Ritual Work by the officers is a source of much satisfaction. Acknowledgment of the fine work of Scribes E. is freely given. Some chapters have difficulty in maintaining satisfactory attendance at meeting. It should cause concern in the hearts of all companions that our membership has decreased during the year.

The Proceedings of Grand Chapter are a source of vital information to component chapters and the Scribes E. are exhorted to see that a copy thereof is made readily available to their principal officers."

Foreign Relations and Correspondence

M.E. Comp. A. M. Baird, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations reported that nothing has been received which required the attention of his committee.

Report on **Conference of the Grand Chapters of Canada** held in Ottawa, August 11-12, 1959.

The following papers were given—"A Change of Emphasis" by M.E. Comp. Halldorson of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan; "The Basis of Recognition of New Chapters" by M.E. Comp. H. P. Wyness of British Columbia; "Attendance in a Royal Arch Chapter" by M. E. Comp. R. A. Carruthers, of Manitoba. The next conference will be held in Vancouver, August 23-24, 1960.

Report of Grand Reviewer A. Morrison Baird—

"We are justly proud of our Canadian Jurisdictions where enthusiasm and activity is noted. Net gains in membership are reported by all jurisdictions with British Columbia leading with 227, followed by Canada (Ontario) with 138, Saskatchewan 134, Nova Scotia 114 and Alberta 105.

In the United States the picture is not so good. Of the 34 jurisdictions reviewed, 12 report gains and 22 report losses. Texas shows the greatest net gain with 389, Alabama 212, Georgia 206 and Ohio 202. On the debit side the greatest losses are reported by Illinois with 996 and New York with 669. In practically all jurisdictions reporting losses, poor leadership and lack of interest are given as the excuse. In a number of jurisdictions action is being taken in an effort to re-create interest. Enthusiasm begets enthusiasm. Let us all put our shoulders to the wheel.

"Periodically public criticism of our Institution develops in some parts of the world. The latest outburst has occurred in Victoria, Australia, and in our opinion the remarks of the Grand First Principal are worthy of note. He says: 'Criticism, looked at in its proper perspective, is not unhelpful. Much of it, of course, is misinformed and spiteful. All so-called Freemasons are not good exemplars of the Art, and the Institution inevitably has to carry the good or ill report of the conduct of its members. Freemasonry does not claim to be anything more than a system of morality founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue, and intended to help men of all religious beliefs to do their duty better to God, their neighbours and themselves.'

"All informed reasonable men know that Freemasonry itself cannot be harmful and if any criticism is justified it is only because of the failure of individuals, who profess and call themselves Freemasons, to interpret and practice the system as it should be."

[To all Reviewers M.E. Comp. Baird extends sincere Fraternal Greetings. His review of Sister Jurisdictions are factual, concise and contain many interesting references. We thank the Grand Reviewer of Quebec for his kindly reference to our efforts in 1959.]

M.E. Comp Maurice A. Searle represents Quebec near Grand Chapter of Canada in Ontario.

Election of Officers—M.E. Comp. H. Wall Clark, Grand First Principal; M.E. Comp. H. Pickering, Grand Scribe E.

State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

The 163rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations was held at Providence on March 5, 1960.

Chapters, 15; Membership, 4,795; Net Loss, 113.

All Grand Officers were present also 12 Past Grand High Priests and 18 Past High Priests.

Guests from five Sister Jurisdictions and co-ordinate Masonic Bodies in Rhode Island were announced, introduced and welcomed. 29 Grand Representatives answered the Roll Call.

M.E. Comp. Harold B. Woodward, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Harry E. Reed, Grand Secrteary.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"Our Convocation has a three-fold purpose: to review our year's labour and accomplishments, to reset and check our sights on our future objectives, and to enjoy the glow of warm friendship always present when Companions of the Royal Arch get together.

The Supreme Grand High Priest has summoned from our ranks 16 members of this Grand Chapter. Their memory we cherish in our hearts and our deepest sympathy is extended to their families. We also express our sincere and fraternal sympathy to our Sister Grand Jurisdictions in the loss of their distinguished members.

I have visited each one of the chapters in Rhode Island at least once and many of them several times. The total number of **visitations**, exclusive of Grand Visitations was 41. Official Grand Visitations numbered 6. 16 additional Visitations were made as well as 12 visitations to Sister Jurisdictions. I had the extreme pleasure to present, or cause to be presented, 36 Firty-year Certificates of Honour from our Grand Royal Arch Chapter.

Due to previous commitments, I was unable to accept personally 5 invitations to attend special functions. I attended Annual Convocations of 11 Chapters. Commissions were issued as representatives of sister or foreign jurisdictions near our Grand R. A. Chapter—Switzerland, U.S. of Mexico, State of Alaska."

Among the **recommendations** we note:

1. A uniform prayer be prepared and adopted for use by all Royal Arch Chapters in the opening and closing ceremonies. (The prayer in the Mackey's Book of the Chapter have been in use for a long time in Rhode Island Chapters.)

2. A Grand Representative who misses two consecutive roll calls (unless excused because of illness or by submitting evidence of correspondence with the Grand Representatives of the Sister Jurisdiction which he represents) shall be replaced. [I fail to find this recommendation dealt with in any Committee Report.]

"To all who have assisted in any way to advance the cause of Royal Arch Masonry, I am truly appreciative.

"Let us press forward with courage and hope that as our Symbolic Ark sails grandly out over the Sea of Time, freighted with precious memories of the past and the high hopes of the future, guided by wisdom, propelled by strength and adorned with beauty, we shall at last rest under an arch of resplendent colours on the summit of a moral Aarat. May there go forth from this Ark three Angels of Light, Brotherly Love, Relief and Truth, to hold dominion in the hearts of men."

Report of Grand Secretary—

We had a net loss of 113. Five Chapters report gain in membership from 2 to 8. Nine chapters show losses from 1 to 68. One chapter shows no loss or gain.

Report of Grand Treasurer showed total receipts of $6,881.98. Total assets $20,854.92.

Report of Grand Lecturer—

The Grand Lecturer reported that he had visited each of the subordinate chapters at least twice during the year. The visitations were always well attended. It was not unusual to have 80% of the subordinate chapters represented at these visitations. [a commendable show of interest.]

"Several chapters have shown an improvement in the portrayal of the Ritual, others are still a long way from satisfactory work. Two chapters in particular are making little or not effort to secure a line of officers, to exemplify degrees, or to obtain new members. Officers are found to be engaged in official duties elsewhere in the several branches of Masonry and fail to attend rehearsals, visitations, and often regular convocations, because of duties elsewhere which to them seem more important. The two chapters mentioned may well trace a good portion of the condition in which they now find themselves directly to this practice.

"The lack of District Visitations by the Installing Officers over the past few years has probably done more to cause our chapters to lose interest in Royal Arch Masonry than any other condition with which we have to contend, and undoubtedly has a direct bearing on most of our ailments.

During the coming year each of our subordinate chapters may be reasonably sure of an official visitation by the Grand Officer assigned to the District."

Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence

"We have received and read 52 Proceedings of Grand Jurisdictions and have mailed to each the Proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island. I quote from the Grand Chapter of Colorado report some interesting figures. He points out that the General Grand Chapter numbers more than 750,000 Chapter Masons which gives it the opportunity to name itself 'the largest body of Masons under one head in the world'. The five largest Grand Chapters are: Ohio with 67,309 members; Texas with 48,014; Pennsylvania with 40,868; Illinois with 34,790 and California with 33,979.

Total net gains have steadily dropped each year for the past four years. The Reviewer, Roscoe R. Walcott, General Grand Secretary and Fraternal Correspondent in Ohio, summarized the situation as follows: "The trend is still toward decreasing gains which unless corrected will lead to loss in the Rite as a whole."

Election of Officers—M.E. Comp. Arnold C. White, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. Harry A. Reed, Grand Secretary.

Scotland

The Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland was held in the Royal Arch Masons' Hall, Edinburgh, on March 18, 1960.

M.E. Comp. The Rt. Hon. Earl of Galloway, L.L.J.P., Grand Z.

M.E. Comp. W. A. Laird, Grand Scribe E.

The Grand Scribe E. intimated that the M.E. First Grand Principal recommended that Honourary Grand Rank should be conferred on many Companions for exceptional service to the Order ("furth") of Scotland, and the recommendations were unanimously approved. Then follows a lengthy list of some six pages of various honours and ranks. ["furth" must be in error, page 19 Proceedings.]

Lord Galloway was presented to the Installing Grand Principal for re-obligation. M.E. Comp. Major R. H. F. Mancrieff, addressing the First Grand Principal-elect, said that he congratulated him on being once again chosen to preside over Supreme Grand Chapter for another year and said that the companions were highly gratified that their invitation to preside over them had been accepted.

M.E. Comp. J. M. Good, Grand Director of Ceremonies, then announced: "I hereby proclaim M.E. Comp. the Right Honourable Randolph Algernon Ronald Stewart, Twelfth Earl of Galloway, duly re-installed as M.E. Grand First Principal, and I call upon all Royal Arch Masons throughout the world who owe allegiance to the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland, to pay due obedience to their newly re-installed First Grand Principal."

First Grand Principal said he had much pleasure in again nominating M.E. Comp. Thomas Sinclair, to fill the office of Deputy First Grand Principal. M.E. Comp. C. S. Field was obligated, and installed as Second Grand Principal.

Address at Banquet by Comp. John A. McCormack, Right Worshipful Substitute Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Scotland, proposing the Toast of the Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Scotland said: "It is my humble duty and privilege to represent the Most Worshipful the Grand Master Mason of Scotland and I convey his greetings and good wishes to this Supreme Grand Chapter.

"You have now entered into your eighth year as First Grand Principal

of Supreme Grand Chapter; this notwithstanding that you have already given four arduous years of service to the Grand Lodge of Scotland. It is an example of devotion and service to the Craft in general.

"Today we live in a world which is badly in need of the principles and lessons which we endeavour to teach. Our tenets of Brotherly Love, Charity and Truth are the noblest, but nevertheless the challenge lies in our presenting them throughout our communities and by our way of life, not by our lips. We must go about doing good, not only within our temples but wherever and whenever the need occurs. I appeal to you to always remember that Royal Arch Masonry in action is beautiful to behold and that its beauty is not limited to within our Temples.

"Our lives today are encumbered with a complicated mass of business, social and civic responsibilities. We are required to make many choices each day as we divide our time, our energies and our abilities amongst the myriad tasks which present-day society imposes on each one of us.

"The Craft has often been referred to by Masons as the material side of Freemasonry and the Royal Arch Order as the spiritual side, but our initiation into the Craft might well be likened to "The Reformation of a Man", and our exaltation into the Holy Royal Arch as the "Regeneration of a Mason". Your Supreme Grand Royal Arch Chapter now enjoys a measure of prestige which has never before been achieved during its history. In acknowledging the services so freely given by our Most Excellent Companion, Lord Galloway, I also bear in mind the excellence of the service given by our much esteemed Grand Scribe E. Together they have travelled far and wide in their desire to bring home to our overseas chapters a true perspective of what Royal Arch Masonry really means."

Reply by the Earl of Galloway:—

"First I would like to thank Brother McCormack for the very kindly and very able manner in which he has proposed the toast of the Supreme Grand Chapter.

We regret the absence of the Grand Master here this evening. He is at present in South Africa where he has been conducting a series of visitations both there and in the Rhodesias to our lodges in that part of the world. It is my duty to give you certain facts and statistics which have been supplied to me by my good friends, Grand Scribe E. During the past year there have been 3,511 admissions to the Royal Arch, an increase of 227 over last year.

Thirty percent of the Brethren initiated into the Craft became Royal Arch Masons. Five Royal Arch Chapters have been granted charters during the past year, an increase of one.

Our Chapters are making advances numerically, and our financial position is improving. Our Order has become more widely useful recently by the chartering of new chapters in India, Pakistan, Northern Rhodesia, Southern Rhodesia, Tasmania, Sierra Leone and New South Wales. There are now 1,177 Chapters and Councils under our jurisdiction so it can be truly said that we are widely spread.

Three Chapters celebrate their Golden Jubilee this year—Albion, Bridgetown, Barbados No. 349; Dubbo, Dubbo, New South Wales, No. 350; and Unity, Georgetown, British Guiana, No. 353. We extend our congratulations. I would like to say a few words to the Master Masons who have not yet received the Royal Arch Degree. I am astonished when I see that so many excellent Master Masons have not felt impelled to supplement and continue their Masonic knowledge by going on further and discovering the Word. The Royal Arch Degree is not only a beautiful and instructive Degree, there is about it a certain informality and a warmth of friendliness which entrances and delights one. I rarely leave a Royal Arch meeting without that feeling of peace of mind and

contentment engendered by that sincere and kindly atmosphere so characteristic of Royal Arch Masonry.

Tonight, we begin another year in Royal Arch Masonry. I am deeply conscious of the honour you have done me by inviting me once more to be your First Grand Principal and I will do my utmost to carry through my duties to your satisfaction."

[Several other speeches were made by outstanding Masons, inspirational and informative orations which I sincerely regret I cannot at this time further record.]

The next Quarterly meeting of Supreme Committee was held June 3, 1960, at Royal Arch Freemason's Hall, Edinburgh.

This meeting was devoted to routine business, such as passing of accounts, financial statement, and reports of Grand Superintendents.

Thursday, September 15, was named as next quarterly meeting date.

South Carolina

The 149th Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Royal Arch Chapter of South Carolina was held at Greenwood on March 15 and 16, 1960.

Chapters 32. Membership 5,771. Net Gain 271.

M.E. Comp. S. A. Bannister, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. Henry F. Collins, Grand Secretary.

There were 18 Grand Officers and 8 past Grand High Priests present, also Representatives of 30 Subordinate Chapters.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"I am delighted to see so many Chapters represented here today. Since the last Grand Convocation sixty of our Companions have been called to their Eternal Reward. Included in this number was M.E. Comp. Edward H. Pinckney, Past Grand High Priest.

I have commissioned Companions as our Grand Representatives near other Grand Chapters: California, Wisconsin, Germany, Ireland, Quebec, Switzerland and Wyoming.

There has been a net gain of 271. There should be many more. We are losing too many for non-payment of dues—198 during the past year. I am wondering if the Secretaries are reporting these N.P.D's to the Recorders of the Shrine Temples to which they belong. It is your duty to make this report.

I am sure of one thing, no campaign of growth can beat a sincere invitation, given by each of us, to those Master Masons with whom we come in contact from day to day.

In a small percentage of Chapters I have found cheap horse-play being practiced in the second section of the Principal Sojourner's journey. This practice completely destroys the beautiful lessons intended to be taught and is entirely out of place. For this reason I issued a directive forbidding the use of this.

I am sorry to report Dillion Chapter No. 46 saw fit to surrender their Charter. We could find no real interest among the Companions other than retaining their membership in the shrine.

This is the second Chapter to fold up in two years. I feel very strongly that the weaker Chapters should exert every effort to confer the degrees in their own home Chapter because in this way only will many of their members ever see the work conferred for the second time thus stimulating their interest to the point where they will be willing to offer their time and talent in carrying on the work of their local Chapter.

Since we profess to be a charitable Fraternal Order, I recommend we choose some worthwhile charity to participate in or consider seriously removing such claims from our ritualistic teachings to our candidates." [Later approved by Committee on Jurisprudence.]

The Grand Treasurer reported total cash receipts of $21,775.74 and a balance in bank of $13,089.61. Also an investment balance of $40,-662.28, making a total of $53,751.89.

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Hugh Ballinger, Grand High Priest; M.E. Comp. Henry F. Collins, Grand Secretary.

South Dakota

The 70th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons was held at Winner on October 27, 1959.

Chapters 32. Membership 4,201. Loss 14.

M.E. Comp. Walter Reckling, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. Elvin F. Strain, Grand Secretary.

All Grand Officers except one responded to the roll call. The distinguished guests were welcomed and accorded appropriate honours. Twelve Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"My year was shortened somewhat by being under the doctor's care for about a month shortly after I was installed.

This past year our line of Grand Officers was broken by the passing of our esteemed and loved Companion John A. Johnson, who had served as Grand High Priest in 1956 and 1957 and was serving as our Grand Orator at the time of his death. He is greatly missed and so are all other Companions who have been called away during the year.

Our Grand Chaplain, Rev. Snook, has sent out notices to all Chapters in the State uring them to attend church on "Reaffirmation Day," November 1st. I would like to mention and recognize the good that is being accomplished by our publication, "The York Rite Mason."

In issuing six dispensations (named and described) I tried to be reasonable, and felt that each one was for the good of the order and the benefit of the Chapters concerned and Royal Arch Masonry in general.

I urged that degree work be exemplified whenever possible and to strive for a closer unity among the Chapters and York Rite Masonry in general.

Our first official out-of-state visit was made to the 36th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Manitoba held in Winnipeg on February 10, 11, 1959. I also attended Convocations of Grand Chapters of North Dakota, Iowa, Minnesota and annual York Rite Convocations of Montana and Wyoming. I made many visitations within our own Jurisdiction.

Recommendations

I recommend that the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of South Dakota set up a "student loan fund" and make it available to children of Royal Arch Masons in good standing. This would be one way of showing our interest in youth. (We, in Canada, have found our scholarships to children of Royal Arch Masons a real investment.)

The Grand Treasurer reported total current assets as of September 30, 1959, to be $22,415.67.

Report of Grand Secretary—

Four hundred copies of the proceedings were printed of the 69th

Annual Convocation and were distributed in the regular manner according to our Constitution. With over 21,000 Masons, only one-fifth are Royal Arch members.

Address of Grand Orator—subject "These Changing Times."

"I have four things that I wish to say to you. 1. Each Companion assembled here represents affluent leadership. 2. He lives in a changing world. 3. The time for action is now—today. 4. He does not need to meet the challenge alone, but rather 'together.'

It can be truly said that out of our acquaintanceship there developed friendships. Our understanding broadened as we learned of brotherly love and brotherhood. Out of our understanding of brotherhood there ripened a peculiarly rich and ennobling intimacy with a select few who became known to us as Companions. I like best the definition given me recently by John Bridges Phelps, Grand Master of the General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of America. To him 'Companion' is the concept of 'walking together down life's pathway to eternity,' bound by mutual interests, dedicated to mutually accepted responsibilities and objectives.

Further evidence of "our changing times"—distance has been vanquished. If a distance of 40 miles was an adequate measure of one's willingness to sacrifice in behalf of another, what should that test be today in view of modern transportation?

The basic concept of education is the same today as years ago, but here we see evidence of "changing times" — new approaches, new methods, a new type of facility, are in evidence.

The church pursues today the same institutional objective as of old but its methods, its outreach, its techniques, its facilities have changed. We are a part of a social evolution and we shall succeed and survive in proportion as we are willing to adjust and adapt our techniques, our procedural methods, our administrative responsibilities to such changing times. So it is with Masonry. A change is coming. If we are to climb the mountain of difficulty and gain the promised land, we must be ready and willing to adjust ourselves to changing times.

And so, Companions, representing as you do affluent leadership, you are challenged to face up to the demands of a changing world."

The time is now—today.

Nebraska and North Dakota have joined the few Grand Chapters where proceedings are bound together with proceedings of other Masonic bodies. This is fine for cutting down expenses and there should be no objection to be provided it is restricted to the Chapter and Council, but to include the Commandery as is being done in Utah and Florida is debatable. Chapter and Council are part and parcel of Ancient Craft Masonry. They illuminate the degrees of the Lodge in a remarkable way, but the Commandery of Knights Templar is something else.

The value of Royal Arch Masonry for the enlightenment of the Craft remains, and a time will never come when we can afford to be without it. The Reviewer of the Grand Chapter of Canada has this to say: "The Craft has not strayed from its ancient principles. It is only the members that have faltered and strayed."

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Wilson Sweaney, Grand High Priest; M.E. Comp. Elvin F. Strain, Grand Secretary.

Tennessee

The 131st Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Tennessee was held at Nashville on March 21st, 1960.

Chapters 87. Membership 16,510. Net gain 95.

M.E. Comp. Lawrence James Sharp, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Thomas Earl Doss, Grand Secretary.

There were 24 Past Grand High Priests in attendance and many Distinguished Visitors.

Address of Grand High Priest—

We are grateful that the **Scythe of Time** spared the lives of all our Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers. To the families and friends of the 235 Companions called to the Supreme Paymaster to receive their eternal wages we extend our heartfelt sympathy.

Immediately after assuming office I appointed, on the recommendation of the High Priests, a **Keyman** in each Chapter of this Grand Jurisdiction—

—The "Keyman" is to the Chapter
What the "Keystone" is to the Arch.

I mailed each Keyman a letter explaining the nature of his office and a few of his duties in rebuilding the House of the Lord.

I attended all thirteen group meetings. It was a rich and inspiring experience in the life of your Grand High Priest. Twelve of the group meetings did degree work, either in the Mark Master, Most Excellent or Royal Arch Degree, conferring a total of 70 degrees or nearly the number (97) of our net gain in 1958.

I was somewhat disappointed in the Keyman attendance, only 48 from 87 Chapters. I am proud of the High Priests (66), P.H.P.'s (284), Past and present officers (127) who were in attendance. To them I say thanks, you mean much to Masonry.

[Yes, I say thank God for the High Priests (Past and Present) and for the Past and Present Grand Chapter Officers. Where would most of our Jurisdictions be without them?]

Certificates of Proficiency were issued to 374 Companions last year. 123 of them were issued to Companions who had not held certificates previously. As long as we have now workers taking part in our ritualistic work we can be assured that their Chapters will continue to be active.

I recommend to the chairmen of the 13 Grand Chapter Groups that they have a printed program of the meetings and otherwise give the meetings plenty of publicity.

Dormant Chapters are a vexatious problem. An unsightly dead limb on a beautiful lawn shade tree would be amputated forthwith, but not so with a dead Chapter on the Royal Arch tree. I therefore **recommend** that failure to hold at least two stated convocations during the year; or failure to be represented at two successive stated convocations of the Grand Chapter that the charter of the Chapter should be automatically forfeited.

I wish to pay tribute to M.E. Comp. James I. Walker, Senior Past Grand High Priest and Grand Reviewer of this Jurisdiction. He is a masonic scholar of no mean ability."

The **Grand Treasurer** reported a balance on hand March 1, 1960, of $30,466.42, securities to the value of $14,000 and $23,754.10 in retirement fund.

The **Grand Secretary** in his report said, "Let us resolve now that no member will be suspended N.P.D. without personal contact if at all possible and that every Master Mason will be invited to become a Royal Arch Mason. We can reach our goal of 30,000 members if we Work! Work! Work!

Advancement of Royal Arch Masonry—**report** submitted by Comp. Charles B. Jones Jr.

32 Chapters cannot confer all the Capitular degrees without the ritual; 27 Chapters had no special educational programs; 20 did not read the report of this Committee for last year; 32 had poor attendance; the officers of 29 did not attend with any regularity; 36 did not confer any degrees in the York Rite Festivals; and 39 did not attend church in a group as suggested by this committee.

In order to have a good year in Capitular Masonry the subordinate Chapters must conduct a program that will appeal to all members. Are we placing more emphasis on getting members or holding what we have? We must conduct a program that will hold what we have. We must have a two-fold program to enlist and maintain. 161 members withdrew and 278 were suspended for N.P.D. If we could have collected those dues our net gain would have been 373 and if those members had not withdrawn our net gain would have been 534.

The committee is convinced that the lack of interest among our officers and members is responsible for the fast decline in Capitular Masonry."

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. George Frederick Brookhart, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. Thomas Earl Doss, Grand Secretary.

Texas

The 110th Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas met on November 30, 1959, at Waco.

Chapters 230. Membership 48,403. Net Gain 389.

M.E. Comp. Don K. Glass, Deputy Grand High Priest (Acting Grand High Priest).

R.E. Comp. Fred F. De Vaney, Grand Secretary.

Twenty-three District Deputy Grand High Priests were present and 12 Past Grand High Priests. Fifty-one Grand Representatives answered the roll call; among these was John O. Caruthers representing Canada.

Address of Acting Grand High Priest—

"It is with a heavy heart that we assemble here today without our Most Excellent Grand High Priest, Companion Wallace McKenzie, who was taken from our midst by the Supreme Grand Master on April 1st of this year. Knowing our Most Excellent Grand High Priest and knowing his zeal and fidelity to the Craft, we appreciated his ability in getting things done. We know that his wish would have been "the show must go on," so we have endeavoured to carry on for him and do the things we knew he wanted done, to the best of our ability.

Our heartfelt sympathy is extended to his family in this time of sorrow. We also express our deepest sympathy to the loved ones of the 798 Companions who have slipped from us this year.

Masonry in this Jurisdiction is by no means at a standstill. The one big project that we maintain is our Home for Aged Masons. This home is something to be proud of.

We have many Royal Arch Masons in this Jurisdiction who are literally 'working their hearts out' teaching, conferring degrees and encouraging others to do the same. Ye, there are many who do not seem to be inclined to work or take part in any of the activities of their local Chapters, and too many of these finally lose interest and neglect to pay their dues.

Our Program of Growth this year has been enhanced by the zeal and fidelity of our District Deputy Grand High Priests who have worked very hard. During the year 22 fifty-year service awards were presented. Four Grand Representatives were appointed—Mexico, Michigan, Wis-

consin and Iowa. Many dispensations were granted while five were refused as contrary to the Constitution and Laws of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas. Two Chapters were constituted during the year.

I made many VISITATIONS during the year. Although unexpected and in many instances unprepared, I have been honoured to have served in the office of Grand High Priest during the eight months interim since the death of Most Excellent Companion McKenzie. The friendships made and the experience gained has been of untold value to me."

The **Grand Treasurer** reported a balance of $30,805.64 in the General Fund December 15, 1959, and in the Permanent Fund a balance of $131,900.00 November 15, 1959.

The **Grand Secretary** reported that of the 230 Chartered Chapters, 103 showed a gain in membership, 105 showed a loss while 22 show neither gain nor loss. Of the 230 Chapters, 183 conferred the degrees while the other 47 presented no work. All Chapters have filed their annual returns and all fees and dues have been paid and receipts issued for same. 22 Chapters reported a net gain of 10 per cent or more.

Report of Board of Directors of the Home for Aged Masons—

The Home for Aged Masons is a charitable, non-profit institution wholly owned and operated by the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Texas, a fraternal corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Texas. Total assets as of September 30, 1959—$2,481,999.75. A list of gifts and bequests for the year were given.

The **Grand Orator** Comp. John G. Kemmerer gave the most inspiring address of the "Teachings and Influence of Freemasonry." The acting Grand High Priest in thanking him characterized it as "a truly wonderful address."

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Don K. Glass, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. Fred F. DeVaney, Grand Secretary.

Utah

The 49th Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Utah was held on May 11, 1960, at Salt Lake City.

Chapters 7; Membership 1,456; Net Loss 17.

M.E. Comp. Alan E. Goodell, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Bert Atwater, Grand Secretary.

All Grand Officers and 8 Past Grand High Priests were present. 7 Distinguished visitors were appropriately welcomed also heads of 10 other Masonic Bodies.

Report of Grand High Priest—

"I appreciate the opportunity to join with Warren R. Tyler, the Most Illustrious Grand Master of the Grand Council R. and S.M. of Utah, in the reception of the distinguished visitors to this 49th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and the 31st Annual Assembly of the Grand Council. During the year, seven members of our Grand Chapter family were taken by death as well as 31 Companions. The loss of these Companions is deeply felt, and they will ever be remembered in our hearts.

The Grand Chapter joined with the Grand Council and the Grand Commandery in making York Rite visitations wherever applicable.

The Grand Chapter of Utah was represented at the Annual Convocations of Colorado, Wyoming, Nevada and California.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter and of all constituent chapters is sound. From my personal observation and from reports

given me by the Grand Lecturer, Lloyd N. Taylor, I know that the degree work is being performed in a most creditable manner in all the Consituent Chapters.

It has been a pleasure and privilege to serve as your Grand High Priest. I hope my efforts have met with your approval."

The Grand Treasurer reported total income of $1,527.00 to April 30, 1960.

The Statistical Report showed: Membership, April 15, 1960, to be 1,456 — a net loss of 17. Gain—Exalted, 38; affiliated, 1; restored, 4; error last year, 1; total, 44—1517. Loss—Demitted, 6; suepended, 17; deceased, 37; error last year, 1; total, 61.

[The Fraternal Correspondence contains a very good resume of membership by states in Grand Chapters, Grand Council and Grand Commandery.]

During the year one Chapter—King's Peak Chapter No. 9—voluntarily surrendered their charter with the request that it be held in the state of suspension until further notice.

Royal Arch Advancement

"The lessons we teach in our Degree work will never change, but the tempo is changing in this world of ours, and we must adjust our sights and keep in tune with conditions as they exist today so that we can fulfill our duty to promote and advance York Rite Masonry. Let us remember that Freemasonry is the biggest, the oldest and strongest fraternal society in the world today, and since 1730 our growth has kept pace with that of our population. Consequently we are stronger than ever before," said Companion Frank E. Woods, Grand High Priest of Colorado, at the Western York Rite Conference in Denver.

Election of Officers—M.E. Comp. Wallace V. Peck, Grand High Priest; E. Comp. Bert Atwater, Grand Secretary.

Vermont

The 143rd Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Vermont met at Burlington on June 14, 1960.

Chapters 27 (6 districts). Membership 4,309. Net Loss 78.

M.E. Comp. Ernest P. Davenport, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Aaron H. Grout, Grand Secretary.

There were 19 Past Grand High Priests present and all District Deputy Grand High Priests except one were present. All were welcomed and given Grand Honours.

Twelve Grand Chapters were represented in our welcome list of Distinguished Visitors; among them was M.E. Comp. Clarence M. Pitts, Past Grand First Principal of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Canada.

The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, M.W. Bro. Frank Brownell, was also received and was greeted with applause and accorded Grand Honours.

There were 43 Grand Representatives in attendance, among them two representating Canada—Reginald A. Barnard, Alberta, and Floyd T. Sumner, Quebec.

Address of Grand High Priest—

"We are grateful again this year that our Grand line of officers has not been broken. However, our subordinate Chapters have been less fortunate, and vacancies appear in many places. We extend sympathy.

I was gratified at the large number of requests for **dispensations for degree work**; one Chapter requested five and another four. The spirit of Capitular Masonry is not dying so long as these requests continue.

The Grand Council of the Grand Chapter tried an innovation this year. We decided that the Grand King and Grand Scribe should be offered the opportunity to attend one or more of the Sister Jurisdictions as representative of our Grand Chapter.

I attended Grand Annual Convocation of Quebec at Montreal, the Grand Annual Convocation of Maine at Portland and the Grand Annual Convocation of Connecticut at Hartford.

Our Grand King, R.E. Walker Miles, visited the Grand Annual Convocation of Massachusetts at Boston and also the Grand Annual Convocation of New York at Albany as our representative.

Several appointments have been made for representatives near our Grand Chapter and near other Grand Chapters. We welcome the new Grand Jurisdiction of Switzerland and West Germany to our fraternity.

The Grand Secretary's report will show in detail the condition of our Grand Chapter with a net less of 78 members. This is a serious loss. Just as a healthy human body cannot exist without proper food and exercise, neither can our Chapters exist unless we nourish them and make them working bodies. Companions, let's wake up.

Dues

We know that the dollar of 1960 will not buy the equivalent of the dollar of ten years ago; but many Chapters are using the 1930 or earlier dues dollar on which to live. It can't be done. This is your problem, the problem of each individual Chapter and yours alone to solve. [Many Chapters please note.]

Publicity

I would also suggest that our Chapters report more fully in the papers the story of their activities. We have much to tell. We should try to make our Chapter life so attractive that our brothers of the Blue Lodges will ask to join us in the great and glorious work we have undertaken."

Report of Grand Lecturer—

"From my official visitations and conversations with various Companions I feel that the interest in Capitular Masonry is still at a high peak. It was agreed that the chief aim of this year would be in the education of the Companions in the giving of the various signs in the proper manner.

The program for the District meetings concerning the Working of Degrees versus a program of Masonic Education and entertainment was discussed. The type of program to be carried out was left to the discretion of each of the District Deputies insofar as his district was concerned.

The only recommendation that I wish to make will be that each of our Chapters members take it upon himself to find the time to attend at least fifty per cent of the meetings of his Chapter during the coming year, and not only to attend but to really take an interest in the affairs of the Chapter."

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand on May 23rd, 1960, of $3,332.63 with total assets of $19,788.07.

The Grand Secretary's report showed a loss of 78 members in 1960. Five Chapters were unable to find any candidates. Only five Chapters exalted ten or more. Our loss comes about entirely through increases in dimissions, deaths and suspensions. For the third year in a row no Vermont Chapter qualified for the Certificate of Merit given for showing a new gain of ten per cent or more.

Elections of officers—M.E. Comp. Walker Floyd Miles, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. Aaron H. Grout, Grand Secretary.

Victoria

The Supreme Grand Chapter of Victoria held **quarterly Convocations** in April, July, October and January, 1960.

All were held in Freemasons' Hall at Melbourne.

Chapters, 107; Membership, 10,685; Net Loss, 47.

M.E. Comp. W. D. Kennedy, Grand Z.

R.E. Comp. H. O. Thomas, Grand Scribe E.

The April Convocation was held on April 15, 1959. There were 46 Grand Representatives present. Canada's Representatives answered the Roll Call. 13 Grand Chapters were representd.

Report of Grand First Principal:

"In this, my last Communication as Grand Z, I wish first to thank you all for entrusting to me the guidance of this Grand Chapter during the past two years. I shall lay down my office tonight with sadness. My Grand Team, I am sure, feel much the same as I do. I know it is the wish of all my colleagues for me to say a warmhearted "Thank you" to our much esteemed Grand Director, V.E. Comp. C. Frank, for his smiling and kindly, yet firmly-efficient, director of all our Installation activities.

The Team will also join me in dropping a garland of wistful remembrance of our friend and colleague, Em. Comp. Ray Whipp, Grand Steward, who was called Home very suddenly only last week. We honour the memory of one who, though he was a totally and permanently incapacitated soldier-boy, made us better men because of his infectious cheerfulness, and by his courageous, uncomplaining resignation to the cloud which hung over his life.

I visited New Zealand with a large delegation to attend the Grand Installation of the Supreme Grand Chapter of New Zealand. Everywhere on our way we were met by Royal Arch Freemasons and were treated with the most heart-warming kindness. The memory of the Grand Installation itself will ever remain with us. The differences in ceremonial, organization and procedure served only to accentuate the universality of the real essence of Freemasonry.

"My Second Grand Principal, R. Em. Comp. Reinecke, represented me at the Grand Chapter Installation in New South Wales.

With the memory of the 145 Chapter Installations I have conducted during my two years in office, I take my leave of you as your G.Z. I leave with this one wish that your hearts may be as happy as you have made mine by our association with each other in well-doing."

The report of the **Grand Treasurer** showed a satisfactory financial state.

The **Report of Grand Scribe E** reported that several companions, having been excluded from their Craft and Mark Lodges for non-payment of dues, and having had their exclusions recorded by their respective Grand Lodges, are now automatically excluded from their Chapters under R. A. Regulation No. 125 (names are given).

M.E. Comp. Norman Llewellyn Brunt, First Grand Principal.

The M. Em. First Grand Principal appointed V. Em. Comp. Charles Frederick Irish, Second Grand Principal and Em. Comp. James Edwin Arnold, Third Grand Principal.

The above officers were installed and greeted with Grand Honours.

The **2nd Quarterly** Convocation was held at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, Wednesday, July 15, 1959.

M. Em. Comp. N. L. Brunt, Grand Z, presided.

All Grand Officers were present, also a large number of Past Grand

Chapter Officers and Principals of Subordinate Chapters. The Sister Jurisdictions were well represented.

Address of Grand Z

"It has been a very busy quarter, with considerable visitation to the country, involving at times, lengthy journeys testing the loyalty and enthusiasm of the new Grand Chapter officers. 36 chapters have been visited during the time.

"It is with great sorrow that I refer to the passing of R. Em. Comp. W. R. Heley, P.G.H., while representing the Second Grand Principal on the Mildura trip. After taking part in the first four installations, he was suddenly attacked by illness. He passed away in the Mildura hospital the following Sunday. My deepest sympathy goes out to his daughter.

"No doubt you have noticed the improvements in the condition of the chain collars worn by the Grand Chapter officers. This is due to the kind offices of an anonymous companion. Thank you for this generous and decorative contribution."

The **3rd Quarterly** Convocation was held at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne, on October 21, 1959. M. Em. Comp. N. L. Brunt, Grand Z, presided. In his address he expressed the hope "that the present continuous international unrest, which appears spread all over the world, will be resolved, and that the time be not far distant when the implements of warfare can be cast aside and that the talks which are taking place between the leading nations will cultivate a clearer understanding between man and man."

Annual Proceedings from other Grand Chapters were acknowledged among them Canada.

Recommendation to grant a charter to a **new chapter** to meet at Wycheproof and to be known as the "Wycheproof Chapter" had been thoroughly scrutinized by the Committee of General Purposes. The Committee was unanimous in making the recommendation and a charter was granted.

Four members of the Grand Chapter have had the call for the Third Watch, and have been greeted as true and faithful companions.

M. Ex. Comp. Rev. C. T. F. Goy, P.Z., R. Wor. Deputy and Master conveyed in a simple, humble talk the real connection between the Craft and the Holy Royal Arch.

The **4th Quarterly** Convocation was held on January 20, 1960, at Freemasons' Hall, Melbourne. Among the many **distinguished companions** present was R. Em. Comp. Fred J. Johnson, Grand Scribe E. of the Grand Chapter of Canada who was introduced and welcomed.

The Frist Grand Principal in his communication said, "It gives me great pleasure to see the Order growing. On October 31st, a number of Grand Officers joined the party at Wycheproof where we consecrated and constituted Wycheproof Chapter No. 111. Visiting companions from all parts of Victoria were present at the ceremony. The beauty of the ceremonial was appreciated by all present.

M. Em. Comp. Norman Llewellyn Brunt was again nominated and declared elected as Grand Z.

A petition from twenty-six companions desirous of forming a chapter to meet at Sunshine, to be known as "Sunshine Chapter" was received.

Notice of Motion

The Grand Registrar submitted a motion to amend and add to the Laws and Regulations of the Supreme Grand Chapter as follows: (detailed changes and additions are recorded at length).

In the **appendix** to the four quarterly proceedings is to be found much valuable information; Grand Chapter Officers for 1959-60, Committes, Statistical tables and Grand Scribe Ezra's report.

Report of Grand Scribe E.—Membership

	1957	1958	1959
Membership at the beginning of the year	10,557	10,670	10,732
Exalted	686	619	547
Resigned	500	478	512
Deceased	145	130	152
Affiliated	122	90	116
Suspended for non-payment of dues	50	39	46
Membership at the end of the year	10,670	10,732	10,685
Gain	113	62	
Loss			47
Chapters showing gain over last year	59	58	42
Chapters showing loss over last year	40	42	56
Chapters remaining stationary	7	5	9
Chapters showing no exaltations	—	—	—

Virginia

The 153rd Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Virginia was held in Richmond on October 25-26, 1960.

Chapters, 81; Membership, 18,004; Loss, 99.

M.E. Comp. John Calvin Parker, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Carl Frank Wood, Grand Secretary.

All Grand Officers were present and 12 Past Grand High Priests were in attendance.

Report of Grand High Priest

"We are happy that the chain of our Grand Officers and Past Grand High Priests has not been broken during the year. However, we have lost one of our most beloved companions in Virginia, in the passing of R.E. Comp. C. I. Smith, of Covington, who was 94 years old. Our sincere sympathy goes out to his family and to all families who have lost loved ones.

It is a great satisfaction to me to report that I have visited every chapter in the Grand Jurisdiction. Among the **visitations** to other Grand Chapters we note the one to the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada in the Province of Ontario held in Toronto, April 11, 12, 13, 1960.

We have found that our smaller chapters in general are making better progress percentage-wise than our larger chapters. We are losing entirely too many of our members for non-payment of dues. We are suffering from lack of interest and attendance at the chapter meetings. The average age of our companions is continually growing higher. Unless this is corrected, it will be our undoing. We must continue to bring younger men into the Craft.

I am deeply grateful for the many gifts and courtesies shown me throughout the state. I have had a busy year but I have enjoyed every minute of it."

Report of **Grand Treasurer** showed total receipts of $43,918.32 and securities to the value of $28,660.64.

Report of **Grand Secretary** showed total dues and fees to be $18,579.00.

Membership Report

Membership September 30, 1959, 18,099; errors in report last year, 4; exalted, 575; Affiliated, 42; restored, 27; total gains, 644; total, 18,747.

Losses—Withdrawn, 160; Suspensions, N.P.D., 204; expelled, 2; deaths, 377; total losses, 743; present membership, 18,004; net loss, 99.

The **Grand Lecturer** reported that he had conducted three Royal Arch Schools.

The **foreword** by William Moseley Brown, P.G.H.P. Chairman, Committee on **Fraternal Correspondence**, in four pages of introduction to their Fraternal Review, gives a very thoughtful analysis of the problems being experienced generally throughout the Capitular World in recent years. He quotes extensively from the well-known Reviewer, Roscoe R. Walcutt of Ohio and from the Committee on Membership of Canada. M.E. Comp. Brown makes a splendid assessment of the general factors creating the conditions of the present day and offers worthwhile suggestions as to the way to successfully overcome them.

Election of Officers—M.E. Comp. Edward Hilton Everton, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. Carl Frank Wood, Grand Secretary.

Washington

The 76th Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of Washington was held at Bremerton May 19-20, 1960.

Chapters, 58; Membership, 9,520; Loss, 125.

M.E. Comp. Ralph W. Gellach, Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Walter H. Steffey, Grand Secretary.

The colors of both the United States and Canada were presented in a beautiful ceremony. Participating in this ceremony were companions from the Grand Chapters of Washington and British Columbia.

There were 13 Past Grand High Priests present and 17 distinguished visitors. 42 Grand Representatives answered the Roll Call. All were welcomed and given appropriate honours.

Address of Grand High Priest

"Outstanding devotion has been exhibited by many of the officers of the Constituent Chapters. Unfortunately in some instances the pride and spirit necessary to do good work is not there. In these however, I must pay tribute to the dedicated few whose efforts have held those chapters together. But one cannot avoid the question: Why is there the almost complete apathy shown by the majority of Masons? This is a serious problem in Capitular Masonry. Capitular Masonry has shown losses in 32 states. Our loss for the year 1959 is the largest on record, being 125. This is a matter for serious reflection. In some cases the Chapters are well financed and their ritualistic work is excellent. Yet their losses through non-payment of dues are serious. Our problem is complex and is not apt to be solved by a single formula.

Upon being brought to light as an Entered Apprentice Mason one is impressed with the seriousness of its moral and spiritual teaching. It is often a disappointment to find that in the lives and thinking of those who conferred the Degree that those lessons were for the most part only a matter of ritual—not that they were immoral men, but they were content with standards definitely lower than the lessons which they had recited. The charges of Symbolic and Capitular Degrees demand from us a standard of living and spiritual attainment the accomplishment of which can be approached only by a faithful reliance on Divine Providence. Should not these be the peculiar characteristics of a Royal Arch Mason: An indubitable belief in God; a vital and provacative faith; a sincere desire to serve mankind?

During the year 243 of our companions have been admitted into the Celestial Grand Chapter. M.E. Comp. Jacob H. Miller, who was Grand

High Priest of Royal Arch Masons of Washington in 1918 was among the number.

An imposing list of Fifty-year Certificates have been issued during the year. The Chapter visitations will long remain among the pleasant memories of my year in office. Space does not permit recording them all. It was not possible to visit all the chapters."

Report of Grand King

R.E. Comp. Ben Wood said, "My interest, work and travel has been made in trying to build a closer tie and better understanding among all Masonic Bodies."

Report of **Grand Treasurer** showed total receipts of $25,243.88 with a bank balance of $10,942.11.

Report of **Grand Secretary**

Net loss for the year of 125, Chapters showing gain 18, Chapters showing loss 39, Chapters showing neither 1, Chapters showing exaltations 12, Chapters chartered since organization 67, Chapters defunct 9, Chapters showing a gain of 10% in membership 4.

Address of **Grand Orator** V.E. Comp. David C. Miller. "Our American colonies were mainly founded by brave men and women who came to the New World to escape religious persecution in the Old. This heritage is ours because brave patriots fought for and won their independence in a bitter struggle for civil liberty from a despotic government. This heritage is ours because our forefathers with infinite wisdom from on high, designed a form of government of the people, for the people, and by the people such as the world has never known.

You and I have a rich heritage left to us by our Masonic forefathers. George Washington was an ardent Mason, and 31 of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence and 23 of the 39 signers of the Constitution were Masons. We have but to look around us, at Russia and its satellite countries, and to Spain and Colombia as examples of countries where civil and religious liberties are unknown. But forces are at work in this "Land of the Free", which if allowed to go unchecked, could destroy those freedoms which we claim as our American birthright. The challenge to our American way of life which is being exerted by the Roman Catholic hierarchy in its opposition to the separation of Church and State and to our free public schools is not so apparent but its danger is no less real and potent."

This charge against the Roman Catholic hierarchy cannot be levied against all Roman Catholics as people. They are as fine a group of people as can be found anywhere. I know them to be very friendly and in general quite tolerant of the religious views of their non-Catholic friends."

[This charge, which I have encountered in various Masonic reports and comment, may be a surprise to many Canadian Masons who feel no anxiety in this matter north of the 49th Parallel. We feel no anxiety as to the relations with the R. C. hierarchy, but would undoubtedly oppose any encroachment upon our Civil and Religious liberty.]

The Grand Orator goes on in several pages to quote statements and incidents to prove the existence of a dangerous threat to the separation of church and state in the Freedom of Religion as it now exists in the U.S.A.

[The Masons in Canada are strictly enjoined to steer clear of Political and Religious discussions, but this Reviewer feels that we would sympathize deeply with and understand the feelings of our Brethren in any part of the world where Bigotry and Oppression dared to rear its ugly head to destroy the rights and principles of our time-honoured Institution.]

The **Historian's Report** dealt with the chapters in the Jurisdiction which are now defunct. After 76 years only 8 Chapters have had to give up their charters. Those 8 Chapters were all fairly small. Actually a total of only 261 members were issued demits when their chapters gave up their charters.

[This report continues to deal with the situation in an enlightening analysis with which all Grand Chapter Officers and local chapter officers might do well to become acquainted.]

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Edward R. Caddy, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. Walter H. Steffey, Grand Secretary.

West Virginia

The Ninetieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia was held at Charleston, October 10-11, 1960.

Chapters, 47; Membership, 10,727; Net Loss, 45.

M.E. Comp. William L. Burruss, Jr., Grand High Priest.

R.E. Comp. Nelson S. Orkney, Grand Secretary.

There were 12 Past Grand High Priests and many Distinguished Visitors present as well as Grand Representatives. They were received and welcomed.

Report of Grand High Priest—

I extend a cordial welcome to you all on this our 90th Annual Grand Convocation.

"It is my sad duty to report that 250 of our Companions were called from labour to refreshment by our Supreme Grand High Priest. In His infinite mercy, He has seen fit to spare the members of our Grand Chapter line and the ranks of our Past Grand High Priests.

To the families and friends of our departed Companions, we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

During the year I made many **visitations.** Peace and harmony continue to prevail throughout our Grand Jurisdiction. There are three things worthy of mentioning: (1) The same faces at our meetings and in the Chapter lines. (2) Not enough of our younger companions being enticed into regular attendance at our Chapter meetings and taking an active part in the affairs of their Chapters. (3) Lack of attendance as shown by the reports of our District Deputy Grand Lecturers and Inspectors.

Our membership report shows a total membership of 10,727, a loss of 45 members. We have lost 250 members by death, lost 127 by suspension for non-payment of dues, against 328 exalted.

We all recognize the vital functions of our District Deputy Grand Lecturers and Inspectors. I recommend that a lesser number of Chapters be included in each District.

To my successor, I offer my services in any task he chooses to set for me."

Report of **Grand Treasurer** showed cash in bank $13,806,95 and net worth $33,481.95.

Report of **Grand Secretary**: "We have a net loss of 45 members. The exaltations were 328 against 332 for last year. The suspensions were 127 against 119 last year. Eighteen Chapters showed a net gain and 27 showed a loss. During the year, 36 Companions were recommended by their Chapters to receive a Fifty Year Service Award.

Report of **Grand Lecturer**:

"In reviewing the reports of the Deputies I find that 29 Chapters

held Schools of Instruction. I feel sure that these Schools were very beneficial to those who attended.

Last year we suggested need for some of the Chapters to re-evaluate their financial structure due to the small amount of dues and fees charged. Reports this year indicate no change and might merit further consideration.

Election of Officers—M.E. Comp. Lester M. Carper, Grand High Priest; R.E. Comp. Nelson S. Orkney, Grand Secretary.

Address of new Grand High Priest M.E. Comp. Lester M. Carper:

"There are 48,529 Master Masons in West Virginia and the membership of this Grand Royal Arch Chapter is only 10,727—less than 25% of all Master Masons in our State. This is too small a percentage. I hope I can count on each Royal Arch Mason to put his shoulder to the Wheel and help in every way possible to make some progress along this line."

[Like many other G.H.P.'s he was greatly concerned about the number of suspensions due to N.P.D. and urged careful consideration of each case before taking adverse action.]

Wisconsin

The 109th Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter Royal Arch Masons of the State of Wisconsin was held in Milwaukee in the Scottish Rite Cathedral on May 4 and 5, 1959.

Chapters 97. Membership (January 1, 1959) 18,050. Loss 394.

M.E. Comp. George J. Schreiber, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. Earl G. Gile, Grand Secretary.

All Grand Officers were present. There were 13 Past Grand High Priests in attendance and many Distinguished Guests as well as Grand Representatives from other Jurisdictions. All were welcomed.

M.E. Comp. Ed. Hayhurst, G.H.P., 1920, and Dean of our Past Grand High Priests, was given a rousing ovation on his attendance at this his 60th Convocation. He said, "I can truthfully say that today I am the only Companion present who was present at that session in 1899."

Companion William H. Rooks of Appleton Chapter No. 47, who has a record of 77 years of service to Masonic bodies in Appleton—a record few can achieve, was also introduced.

Report of the Grand High Priest—

"We meet here from all over the state to promote companionship and Brotherly Love. With this in mind we have striven this year to bring the Grand Chapter and the constituent Chapters closer together for the good of the Craft.

Ritualistic work came first and we realized the need for instruction and our District Schools came into being. Secondly, business administration and our Junior Convocations were born.

Nothing was overlooked—the decorum and dignity so necessary in conferring our degrees, the development of leadership, the delegating of responsibility, the importance of the secretary, our relationship with other Masonic bodies, the respect for the aged and their experience, the guidance of youth.

It is gratifying to note that wherever we went the Companions were eager for information and willing to go to work. The results of our efforts are already beginning to materialize. The future of Royal Arch Masonry looks bright indeed.

113, 25-year certificates were presented to Companions in 12 Chap-

ters and 33 certificate cards and lapel buttons were issued to Companions in 13 Chapters, each one having been an affiliated Royal Arch Mason for 50 years or more.

Necrology—During the year we had many visits from the grim Tiler, Death. Among the number called was our Grand King and two past Grand High Priests as well as many Companions. We miss them all and extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

The Grand Chapter office is now in its new quarters at 207 East Michigan Street, Milwaukee. Picture if you will, moving an organization carrying records of over 100 years, with pictures, books, proceedings, reports, etc. I am happy to report that we were able to live within the budget adopted by this Grand Chapter last year.

To recognize our weakness is important if we expect to gain strength. I therefore recommend that Schools of Instruction be held in each district, one in the fall and one in the spring, these schools to be conducted by the District Instructors. Also individual Chapter instruction to be given whenever and wherever possible.

I recommend that the **Committee on Ritual** be given two years within which to complete their task and that a final draft of our new Ritual complete with floor work, installation services, Reception of Grand Officers, etc., be presented to this Grand Chapter in 1961.

During the month of October a **Junior Convocation** was held in each district and every Chapter officer was notified. This gave your Grand High Priest the opportunity of meeting all the officers in the State of Wisconsin to discuss problems of administration, attendance promotion, finance, etc. Realizing also the importance of the Secretary, a Secretaries' Section was held simultaneously with these meetings.

I recommend that **Jubilees** be held only when and where they are necessary and then only with the approval of the Grand High Priest. The reason—we do not want Jubilees to be an alibi for not learning our work.

During the year I made many visitations and I appreciated the courtesies extended to me."

The **Grand Secretary** reported a heavy loss in membership (394) but said there were many signs of renewed activity—the re-instatement of Companions dropped for N.P.D. and unusual demand for petitions and pamphlets, etc.

The **Grand Treasurer** reported a balance on hand May 1st, combined account (including funds held in reserve) of $20,269.36 and total assets of $37,383.48.

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. Malcolm C. Madison, Grand High Priest; M.E. Comp. Earl G. Gile, Grand Secretary.

[Among the list of 33 Grand Representatives of other Grand Chapters near the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, the name of Canada was not among the list.]

Wyoming

The 52nd Annual Convocation of the M.E. Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Wyoming was held in Laramie on September 12, 1960.

Chapters, 21; Membership, 3,190; Net gain, 8.

M.E. Comp. Irving E. Clark, Grand High Priest.

M.E. Comp. Frederick Sims, Grand Secretary.

All Grand Officers were in attendance. Many Distinguished Visitors were present. Among the number we noted Companion H. D. Fawcett, of Calgary, Alberta, Canada.

The Roll Call of Grand Representatives showed 35 Jurisdictions represented. (Canada by Carl S. Gilbert.) There were 14 Past Grand High Priests present. The Grand Chaplain offered prayers for "our 61 departed companions", and sympathy was extended to the bereaved.

Report of Grand High Priest

"I believe that the condition of the Craft in Wyoming is good. We again show a small gain in membership. No doubt the gain is due to the York Rite Festivals. I believe that these Festivals are doing more good than harm. However, I am **definitely opposed to advertising them as a means of gaining admission to the Shrine.** While I have no objection to any Mason joining the Shrine, yet I am opposed to practically admitting that we in the chapter have nothing to offer and that the only reason anyone would have for taking the degrees would be to enable them to petition for something else. We have plenty to offer and should be vitally interested in making our degree work as impressive as possible.

It was my privilege to visit every Chapter and most of them at regular convocations. On these visits I urged the following: (1) Start meetings on time and adjourn at a reasonable hour. (2) Keep equipment in good condition and confer the degrees in the most impressive manner possible. (3) Subscribe for a good Masonic magazine. There is none better than the "Royal Arch Mason". (4) Masonry is not a religion. However, every Mason should be a religious man. (5) Masons should assume their obligations as citizens."

Report of Grand Secretary.

Gains—Exalted 101, affiliated 9, reinstated 5, total gains, 115,
Losses—Demitted 13, Suspended 33, Deaths 61, total losses 107.
Net gain—8.

The **Report of Grand Treasurer** showed a cash balance on hand of $7,222.15.

Election of officers—M.E. Comp. John J. Priborsky, Grand High Priest; M.E. Comp. Frederick Sims, Grand Secretary.

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